

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Policy Made
Clearer

THE categorical declaration by an Assistant Secretary of State that the United States will not support militarily a return to the China mainland of Chiang Kai-shek provides a new emphasis to American policy in the Pacific. It destroys the illusion which probably quite a few Chinese Nationalists on Formosa have harboured that Washington was committed to back the Chiang government under any conceivable circumstances, and it helps to clarify the US Administration's attitude to the tricky question of the reoccupation of the mainland by Nationalist forces. It has been said, time and again, and with truth, that the Chinese Nationalists' only hope of recapturing China through military means, is by direct assistance from the part of American forces—air, ground and naval—plus the employment of atomic weapons. And what has worried foreign observers is whether the Eisenhower administration would allow itself to be talked into a commitment of this nature by congressional and military extremists. Nothing could be more timely than this reminder that American policy spurns aggression and provocation.

FROM the military viewpoint, United States commitments in the Formosa Straits area are specifically connected with the defence of the Pescadores and Formosa. The Chinese Communists have been given full notice of this and the treaty between the Chinese Nationalists and Washington emphasises it. Thus a war involving the Chinese mainland will be caused, not by American action, but either by the Chinese Communists carrying out their threat to "liberate" Formosa by force of arms, or by the Nationalists, on their own initiative, and by themselves, attempting an invasion of the mainland.

The weekend policy statement attributed to a State Department official also throws new light on the role of the US Seventh Fleet. It finally makes nonsense of President Eisenhower's cry of "unleashing Chiang Kai-shek" and it confirms that the Seventh Fleet is in the West Pacific as a strictly defensive force, but capable, by its presence, of acting as a deterrent to any over-ambitious ideas the Chinese Communists might have concerning Formosa.

MR Allen's disclosure, assuming it represents the official viewpoint, probably comes as no surprise to Chiang Kai-shek and his top advisers. This may very well have been one of the points made clear by Admiral Radford and Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson during their recent visit to Taipei. The complete blackout of official information as to the outcome of those talks is significant, but as always, there exists more ways than one of bringing the public into the picture, and perhaps Mr Allen and his appearance at the World Affairs Conference of Northern California have been utilised for this purpose.

More important than the means is the end, which in this case can be widely beneficial. It is now generally acknowledged that the atmosphere is encouraging for a reduction of belligerency on the part of the Communists and with it greater opportunity for dealing with Far East problems at the conference table. Mr Allen's assurances about American policy should give an additional impetus to these hopes and prospects.

TOP LEVEL MEETING ASSURED

United States Agrees: Three Conditions EISENHOWER'S CONSENT EXPECTED TODAY

Paris, May 9.

The United States has agreed to Britain's proposal for a four-power meeting "at the summit" and President Eisenhower's formal assent is expected in Paris tomorrow, diplomatic sources said here tonight.

The historic meeting of President Eisenhower, Sir Anthony Eden, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and M. Edgar Faure will probably take place this summer, possibly July. Switzerland has been mentioned as a possible venue.

Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, in transatlantic consultations with the President, recommended Mr Eisenhower to accept the plan on the following conditions, it was understood:

- 1. That the foreign ministers accompany the heads of government and hold separate discussions.
- 2. That the world leaders work from no fixed, detailed agenda.
- 3. That the conference should last less than a week.

Bulganin's Gesture To British Envoy

Moscow, May 9.

Sir William Hayter, British Ambassador, talked for 30 minutes tonight with the Soviet Union's two top leaders, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Prime Minister, and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the First Secretary of the Communist Party.

The Ambassador was the guest at the Czechoslovak Embassy reception and talked separately for 15 minutes each with both Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev.

It was understood the talks took place in a friendly atmosphere although nothing of importance emerged.

Sir William Hayter was the only one of the three Western Ambassadors present at the reception, which was to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Prague's liberation by the Soviet Army.

The American Ambassador, Mr Charles Bohlen, and the French Ambassador, Mr Louis Joxe, were both in Paris.

The British Ambassador was called to the "top table" by the Czech Ambassador, Mr Jaroslav Vosahlik, soon after he arrived at the reception.

There he met Mr Khrushchev, Marshal Bulganin, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Maxim Saburov, Chairman of the State Planning Committee.



Sir William Hayter

Mr Khrushchev, in a speech, stressed the role of the West in the Second World War and said: "On this great day we must not forget the way in which our allies all contributed together." He referred particularly to the roles of the United States, Britain, France and Yugoslavia in the war effort against Nazi Germany. It is understood that

Once President Eisenhower has given this formal consent to the proposal, it will then be up to Marshal Bulganin to make the meeting possible.

The Western powers had agreed to send to Moscow either tomorrow or Wednesday an invitation to a four-power meeting. But American sources said tonight that Mr Dulles felt no formal note was necessary as he, Mr Harold Macmillan, and Mr Antoine Pinay, the British and French foreign ministers, would be meeting Mr Vyacheslav Molotov in Vienna this weekend.

The "Big Four" foreign ministers are due to sign on Sunday the treaty ending the occupation of Austria.

They will also have private talks, either on Saturday or Monday.

Probable Subjects

The Western powers say that if the four-power meeting, which will probably discuss German unity, European security and possibly world disarmament, is held, it will be a logical consequence of the build-up of their unity and military strength.

Soviet agreement to free Austria is one of the first fruits of this policy.

Mr Dulles, speaking in the restricted session today, described the Soviet move on Austria as the most spectacular change of date in the "appearance" of Russian policy.

Mr Dulles said the West should not be deterred from its efforts by promises any more than it was by threats.

His assessment received the general endorsement of the Council.

No Deal Promise

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, in his first speech to the Council in closed session, emphatically denied reports that his country would make a deal with the Russians and withdraw from NATO.

He said the conclusion of the Austrian state treaty had made no impact on the federal republic because of the differences between the two situations.

Re-trial Refused

Cleveland, May 9.

The Common Pleas Judge, Edward Bluthin, threw out Dr Samuel Sheppard's plea for a new trial, today, because the claim of new evidence was "still in the realm of theory".

The 31-year-old osteopath, in his second bid for a new trial since he was convicted of his wife's murder, had argued that evidence discovered since his conviction showed that someone else committed the crime.—United Press.

Presents Colours

Canterbury, May 9.

King Frederik of Denmark, at Canterbury today, presented new colours to the Royal East Kent Regiment, The Buffs, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief.

The King, who arrived in London yesterday on a four-day visit, officiated at the ceremony before about 10,000 people at the Cathedral city's beflagged county cricket ground.—China Mail Special.

London Smog Free

London, May 9.

London survived the winter without a single day of "grey" weather, the British Meteorological Service announced today.—United Press.

Butler Backs HK Glove Industry

OPPOSES QUOTAS, TARIFFS

London, May 9.

Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave a warning here today that overseas buyers might hit back if Britain imposed "hasty and ill-considered" restrictions on competitive foreign imports.

Answering an appeal regarding the sharp increase of unrestricted glove imports from Hongkong he said he could not in the space of a letter go into the major question of whether Britain should control imports from Commonwealth and Colonial sources.

This could be done either by a quota or a tariff but "this issue is one which raises the whole question of inter-Commonwealth relations," he wrote.

"And there is that further important point that we must not invite retaliation against our exports by putting hasty and ill-considered restrictions on foreign imports."

MIGHT REGRET STEP

"All our experience shows that to take any immediate step without much care and consultation might lead to results British industry as a whole would regret."

Mr Butler's statement in a letter to Mr John W. Peyton, Conservative Member of Parliament for Yeovil, British gloves centre, was issued here today by the National Association of Glove Manufacturers.

Hongkong was not the only source of glove imports at prices "which make it difficult for our industry to compete," the Chancellor said.

"I very much doubt whether a reduction in purchase tax such as you hoped would materially alter the margin of price between imported gloves and those produced in your country."

"I have undertaken to keep the purchase tax under review and I will not forget your difficulties."

MUST FACE FACT

Mr Peyton in a reply said the removal of purchase tax on home-produced goods while avoiding the major problem of cheap imports would nevertheless be an encouraging concession.

"While I am very conscious of the difficulties which would attend any modification of the rule permitting unrestricted entry of Commonwealth goods, I am firmly of the opinion that the government must face the fact that British industry with its high wages and high taxation cannot possibly compete with the product of Asiatic labour at infinitely lower wage rates using modern machinery," he said.—United Press.

Inquiry Into

Parson's Death

New York, May 9.

A police investigation was ordered today into the death of a Negro minister active in civil rights work after bills of metal and powder, burns allegedly were discovered on his face.

The Rev Willie G. Lee, 51, died after his car crashed into a house in the Negro district of Belmont, Mississippi, on Saturday night and his death at first was listed as resulting from an accident.

Mr Lee had driven recently for the registration of more Negro voters in opposition to the white citizens councils.

The councils were formed to apply economic pressure to Negroes advocating an end to segregation.

Mr Lee's family called in a Negro doctor and a dentist who said they found metal particles in Mr Lee's jaw, and powder burns on his face.

The Sheriff, Mr J. J. Shelton, ordered an investigation.

Witnesses had reported hearing what sounded like a shot before the crash.—United Press.

Gaol Where Prisoners Lock Themselves In

Singapore, May 9.

"Why did it cost over \$397,000 to renew Singapore prison locks? Are they made of gold?" asked a Labour Front Assemblyman last week when a finance paper came up for review.

The Financial Secretary explained that the locks at Outram Gaol were installed 80 years ago, and had been so tampered with that the prisoners could quite often go or come as they pleased by picking the locks.

But he explained the danger was not so much of escapes because the prisoners seemed quite content. But often they locked themselves into their cells so firmly that even the superintendent couldn't get them out.

so the budget item was passed.—France-Press.

Big Snag In Austrian Treaty Negotiations

Vienna, May 9.

A serious hitch was reported tonight in the negotiations of the Big Four Ambassadors and the Austrian Foreign Minister on the draft state treaty to end the occupation of Austria.

It could endanger the prospect of signing the treaty at the weekend on which Austria's heart is set.

A new proposal on Article 35, disposal of former German assets, fell through despite four and a half hours talks today, including two hours in restricted session.

The envoys had consulted their governments on it over the weekend.

Western circles close to the conference said the Russians did not want to put into the treaty the promises they had made to the Austrians last month during their visit to Moscow.

The Russians wanted the Article to go into the treaty as it stood—giving Russia the right to two-thirds of Austria's oil production for 30 years, the whole of her Danube shipping properties along the river and other economic concessions.

RUSSIAN ARGUMENT

The Russians said that there was no reason why the Western allies, who had been prepared to sign this Article in Berlin, should not do so now. Then it was up to the Russians if they wished to make concessions to the Austrians by bilateral agreement.

The Western powers, stated clearly they could not accept this Russian proposal. The situation had been changed greatly since Berlin—firstly by the promises made in Moscow, secondly by the Russian demand for Austrian neutrality.

If Austria was pledged to neutrality but the Russians still had the right by the treaty to enormous extrajurisdictional rights, a more dangerous situation might arise, the West agreed.

The Russians would be put into a position to exert tremendous pressure which the Austrians would be in no position to resist.

NEW PROPOSAL

The new proposal made on Friday was that if the Russians would not put the promised changes in the treaty they should put them in a special annex to it to avoid possible misunderstandings later.

The Austrians would like to have the Moscow promises put into the treaty or into a special annex but are prepared to trust in the good faith of the Russians and hope that they would keep their word.

But the Western powers are not prepared to accept this solution even if the Austrians are.

According to Western circles close to the conference they consider the proposal to sign a treaty containing Article 35 in its present form highly dangerous for Austria and for the peace of Europe.

Until now the Russians had been prepared for extensive concessions and obviously keen to get the treaty signed as soon as possible. Their attitude on this clause was unexpected.

When today's meeting adjourned an authoritative source said: "There is still a lot of work to be done but we are optimistic."—United Press.

45 Men Injured In Building Collapse

New York, May 9.

The floors of New York's \$30,000,000 Coliseum construction project collapsed with a thunderous roar today, plunging screaming workmen into the basement in a cascade of cement, wood and twisted steel.

Construction company officials said at least 45 workmen were injured and one man, Joseph Lombardi, a cement mason, was still missing hours after the collapse.

Of the injured, 16 were sent to hospital.

Rescue squads, digging feverishly, pulled the trapped men from the huge pile of rubble. Badly injured men were given first aid in an emergency ward hastily set up at the scene.

Scores of policemen and firemen sent urgent calls for reinforcements to help them lift the debris from the trapped workers, who were thrown into the cellar by the collapse.

ROOF CRUMBLES

As the men were working on the building, a 210 by 180 foot section of the first floor crumbled, raining chunks of wood and steel and a mass of wet concrete on the ground floor.

Workers rushed to their trapped comrades and began pulling them from the debris. Six minutes later the ground floor collapsed beneath the weight of the debris, sending the trapped men and their would-be rescuers hurtling into the basement in a torrent of rubble.

The collapse came as some 1,000 men were working on the structure, which eventually will replace famous Madison Square Garden.

Even before the flooring gave way, construction workers began to run screaming from the scene—apparently feeling the floor gradually give way beneath them. In minutes, the Coliseum looked as though it had been struck by a bomb.—United Press.

To Visit China

Djakarta, May 9.

Indonesian Prime Minister Ali Sastroamidjojo will visit Communist China this month in an effort to end the Formosan crisis, it was learned today.

The usually reliable Indonesian news agency Aneta said the Prime Minister will leave for Peking at the end of this month.—United Press.

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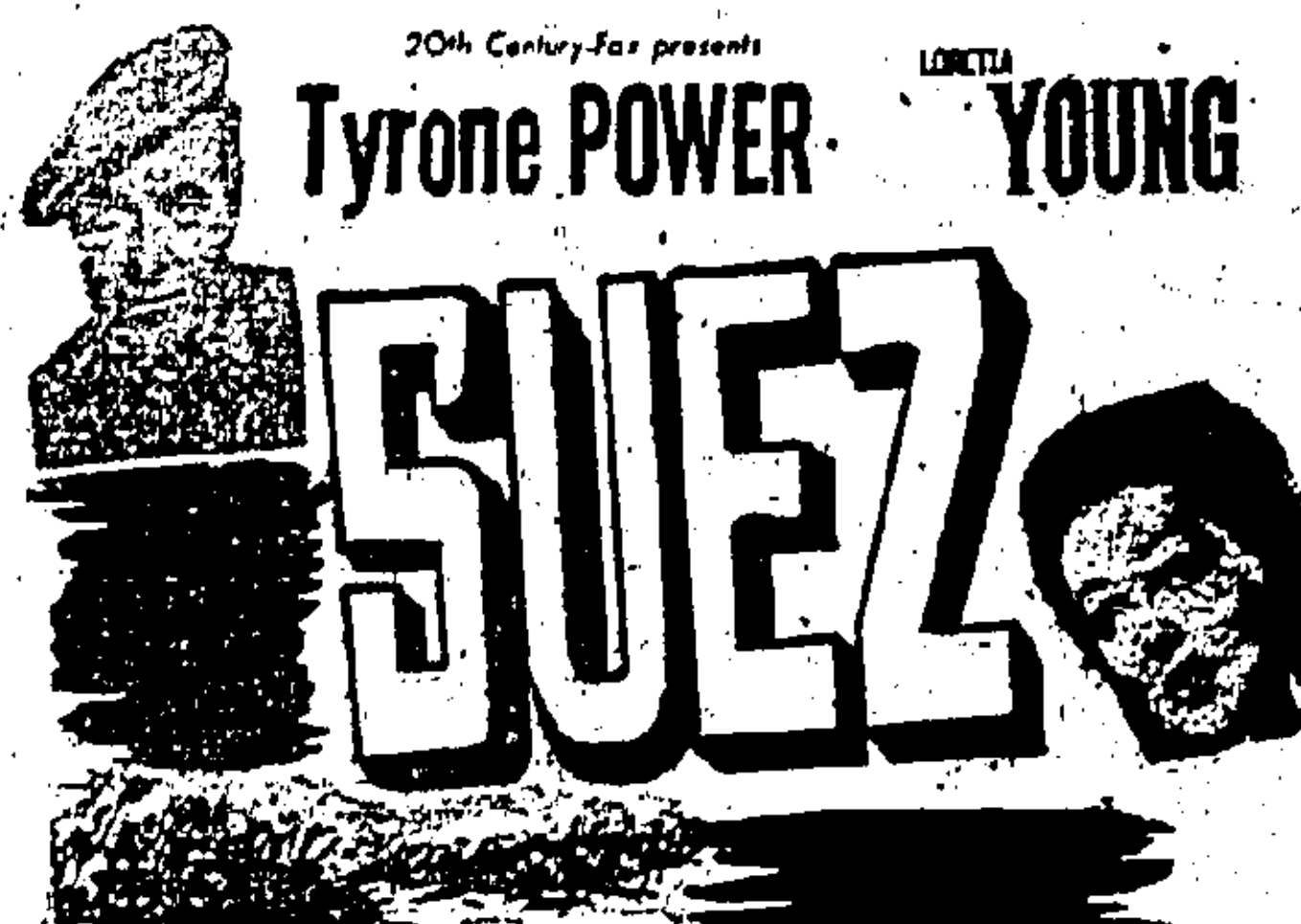
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Japanese Buildup Of Forces

Was Slow But
Now Satisfactory

RADFORD'S OPINION

Washington, May 9.

Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said today the Japanese had been slow in building up their forces for various reasons, but they were coming along satisfactorily, generally speaking.

He added that the United States was maintaining a regular programme of military aid to Japan.

The Admiral was testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of President Eisenhower's new \$3,530 million global military and economic aid programme.

\$1,400 MILLION

Direct military aid in the new bill totalled \$1,400 million.

Admiral Radford told the Committee that the United States needed everyone of its allies, and they needed the United States. It was a stable economic and adequate military defence were to be maintained against the threat of Communist aggression "not just for this year or next year but for an indefinite period ahead."

Money spent on military assistance, he said, had "paid large dividends" and would continue to do so, in developing greatly improved collective allied strength against the Communist threat.

"It would be a dangerous misconception to assume that our superiority in modern weapons has reduced our need for allies," he said.

The Admiral said it was virtually impossible for many of the allied nations to maintain and equip sizable forces without United States assistance.

He singled out Korea and the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa as specific examples.

"Combined with the mobile forces which we can contribute they constitute together a bulwark of strength on the side of the free world in the Western Pacific," he said.

Under questioning by Committee members, the Admiral said the Chinese Communist forces outnumbered those of Korea and Formosa by about three to one. But he said the Allies had the big advantage of mobility by command of the sea which the Communists did not have. He added that if a major war developed, the Chinese would have an "overwhelming" manpower potentiality.

CUT DOWN

Senator Mike Mansfield (Democrat, Montana) took note of the Admiral's statement that the buildup of Korea and Formosa forces had permitted the United States to cut down redeployment of its total number of its own divisions in the area.

"In view of the circumstances in the Far East," the Senator said, "it seems to me that if we are going to redeploy and place reliance on those two nations with good divisions and others which might not be able in time to create divisions such as Japan, we are playing with fire and may have to pay a high price for stability in the area."

Senator Mansfield quoted Press reports that the United States Far East Air Force had 900 planes, another 450 on six aircraft carriers and that the Korean and Formosan Air Forces had between them 175 planes giving an overall total

of 1,525 combat aircraft. The Chinese Communists were reported to have 2,500 planes.

Admiral Radford said the United States had the capacity to reinforce its air and naval forces in the Far East very quickly and that in general was the plan. He said the whole situation was under constant review by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

To further questions about Korean and Chinese Nationalist strength the Admiral said the Nationalist army on Formosa could be expanded considerably by the recruitment of Formosans.—Reuter.

Asian Conference
Opens At Simla
AGENDA APPROVED

Simla, May 10.

A conference of officials of 10 Asian countries receiving aid under the Colombo Plan opened here today and decided on an agenda.

The conference at this former summer capital of British India will decide how best to administer foreign economic aid, especially the \$200 million (£71,400,000) Fund proposed by President Eisenhower for Asian development.

AGENDA

The agenda agreed on today was:

1. Discussion of the pattern of rising American aid.
2. Uses of a special allocation to develop trade within the area and the setting up of machinery to provide credit to help Asian countries over short-term balance of payments difficulties.
3. Representation of European countries which may want to assist the economic development of Asian countries.
4. Establishment of a small permanent secretariat for the Colombo Plan, consultative committee and the formation of a technical wing.
5. Provision of training facilities for Asians.

Countries attending the conference were: India, Pakistan, Nepal, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan and Malaya (representing also Singapore, Borneo and Sarawak).

The Philippines is sending an observer. Burma and Ceylon who do not receive American aid turned down invitations.

Conference sources said recommendations on the use of American aid will be conveyed to the American Government and to Congress where the Administration's Foreign Aid Programme comes up for debate shortly.

The conference adjourned until tomorrow after electing India's Finance Ministry Secretary Mr. H. M. Patel, as Chairman and appointing a drafting committee.—Reuter.

The Royal Miner



His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh recently presented the Charter of Incorporation to the new municipal Borough of Rhondda, and afterwards paid a visit to the Fennhill Colliery in the Rhondda Valley. The Duke walked 2 1/4 miles to the coal face and back, spending 1 1/2 hours in the pit, 900 feet below ground.

Picture shows: Wearing a white miner's helmet, cream dust-coat smudged with coal dust and heavy miner's boots, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh is seen stepping from the lift after coming up from the pit at Fennhill Colliery, Rhondda. —Express Photo.

French
Journalists
Charged

Paris, May 9.
A Paris magistrate today informed three journalists working for the anarchist weekly paper Le Libertaire of charges made against them concerning a series of articles about Algeria.

They are charged with endangering the external safety of the State.

The journalists, Fontenils, Joulin and Bonnet were held responsible for the series of articles on the situation in Algeria that appeared in the Le Libertaire between December, last year and April, 1955.

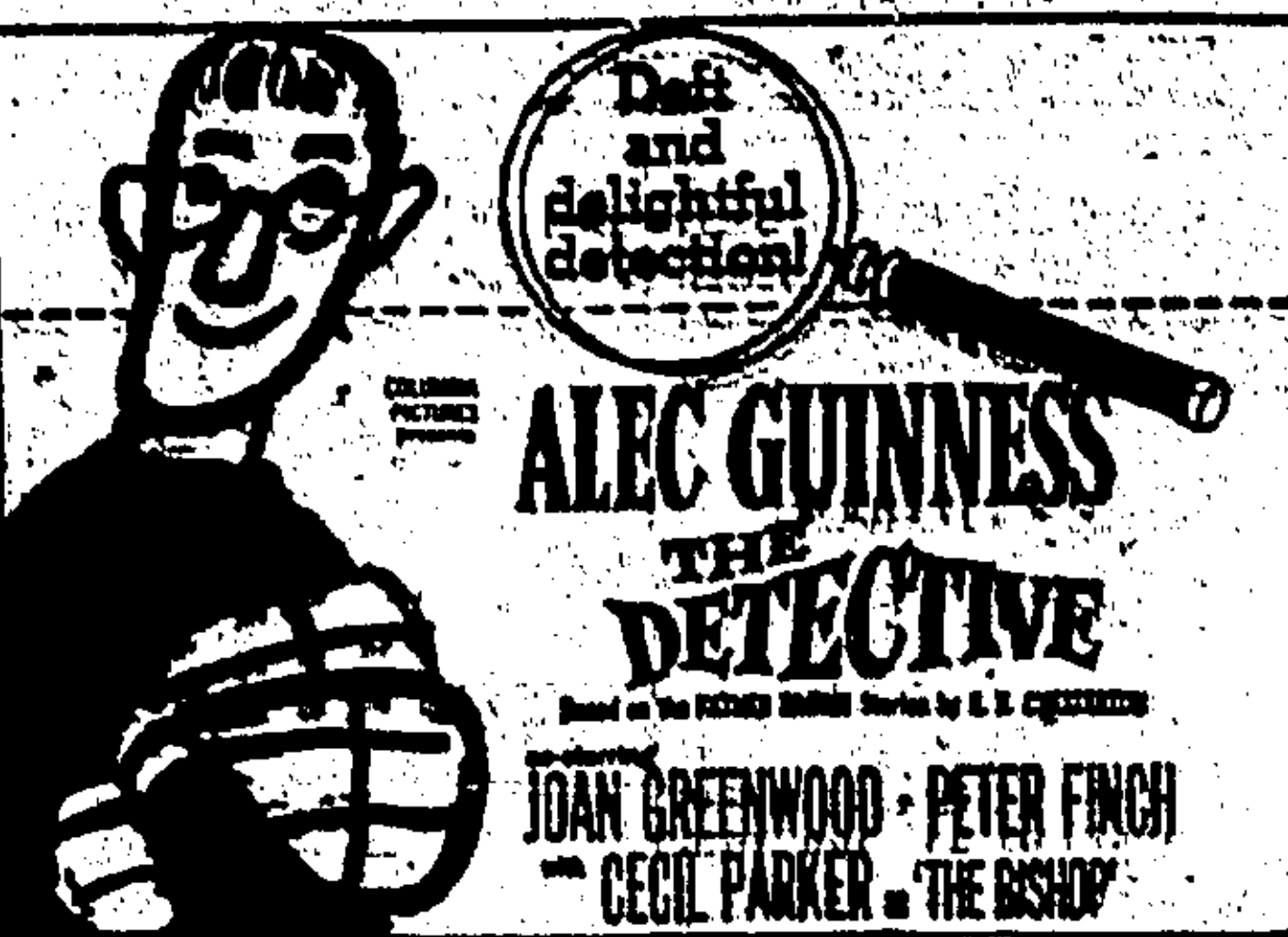
They are to appear before the magistrate shortly. — France-Press.

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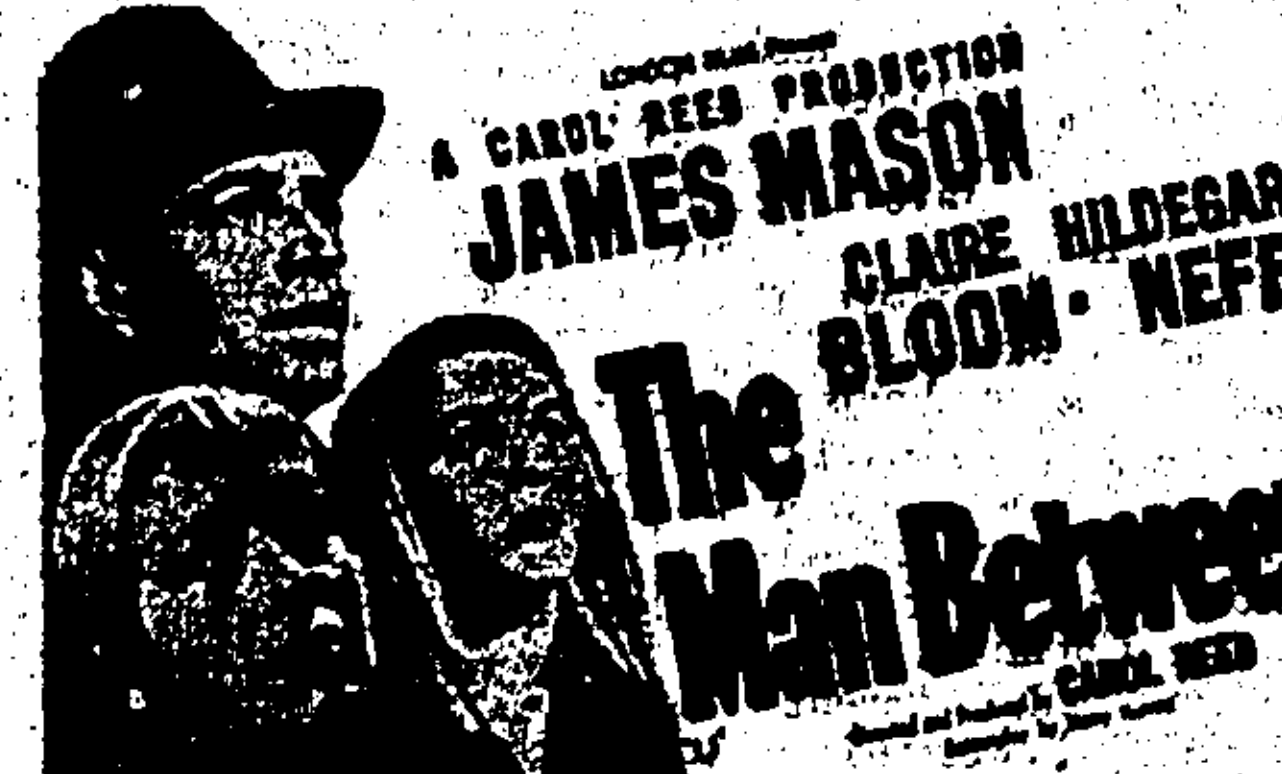
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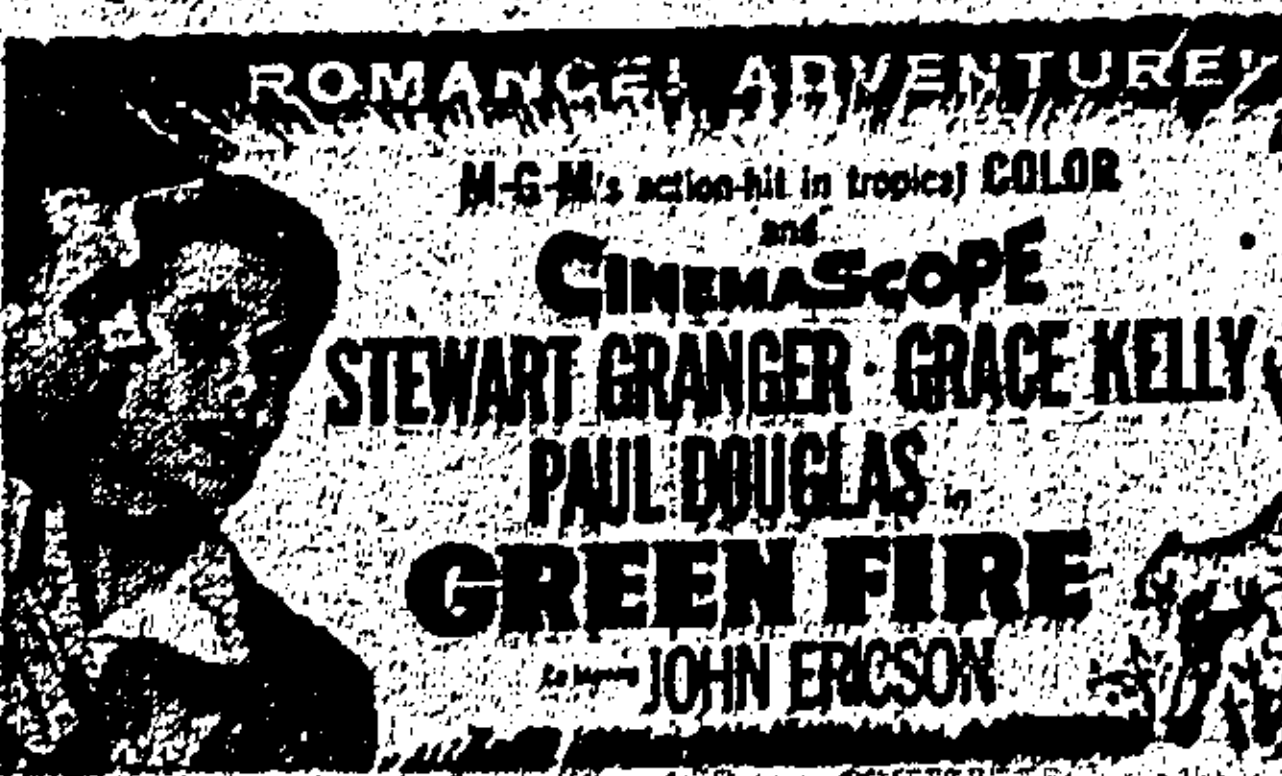
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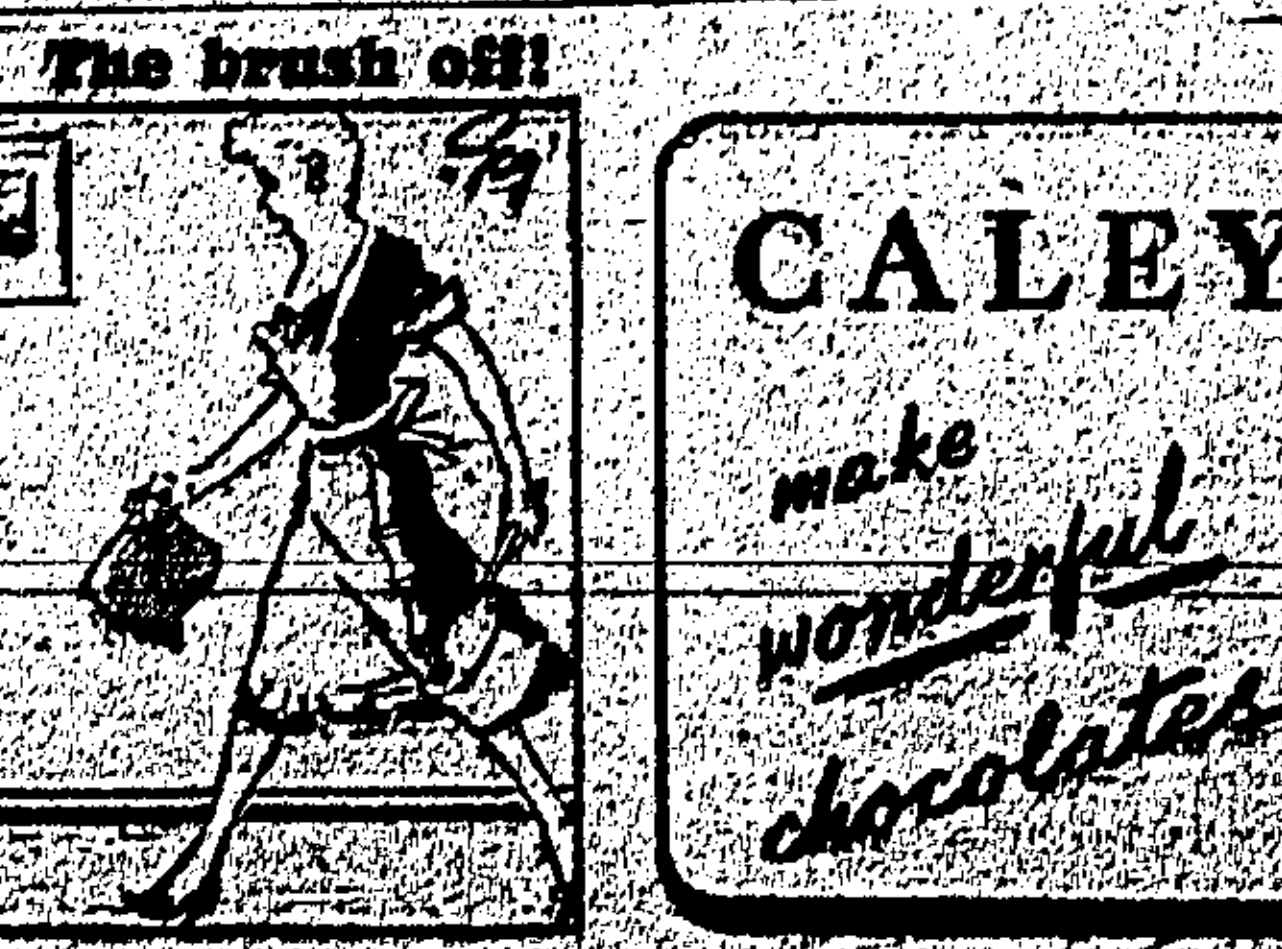
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Galland May Command New Luftwaffe

Düsseldorf, May 9. REPORTS that a former Luftwaffe ace, Adolf Galland, is test-flying planes for West Germany's "shadow" Defence Ministry spurred speculation today that he will become the chief of the Air Force.

Reliable sources said that Galland spent yesterday flying an Italian Piaggio trainer and a French twin-engine Morane transport for a "group of interested persons."

They said he would test more planes today—Italian, American, Dutch and Swedish.

When Galland, credited with 104 kills in the last war, returned to Germany last winter after seven years in Argentina, German papers began speculating that he would be given command of the new Luftwaffe once West Germany was permitted to rearm—as it now is.

The West German Government never confirmed these speculations, but there was no outright denial.—United Press.

Red Pressure On Afghans

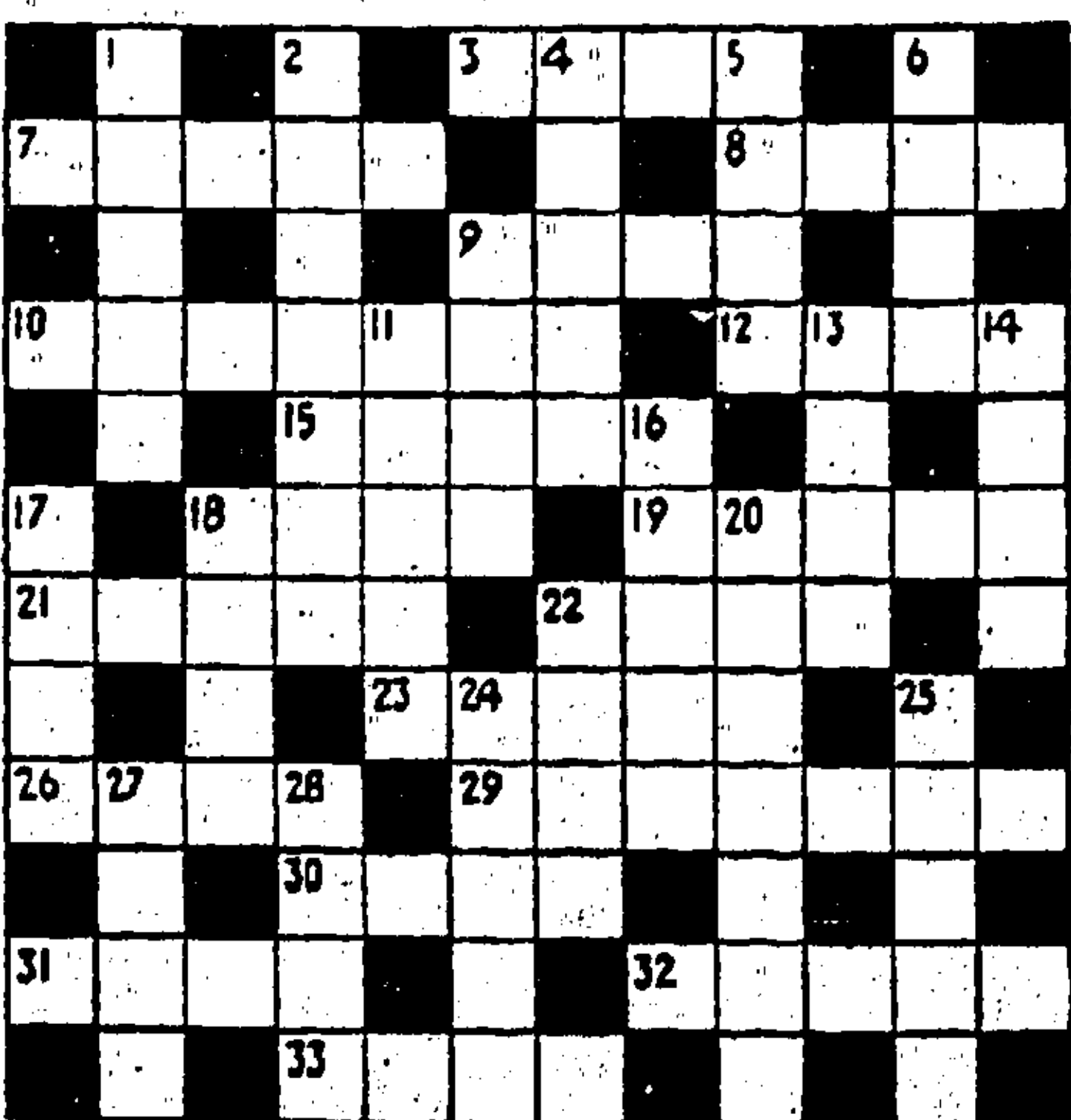
London, May 9. The United States and Britain are currently consulting each other on the problems involved between Pakistan and Afghanistan, it was authoritatively learned here today.

Exchanges of views were taking place at Kabul, Karachi and particularly in Washington, these same authoritative sources said.

Maj. Ullah, Afghan Ambassador to London, saw Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Director of the Southeast Asia Department of the Foreign Office today.

Maj. Ullah had already visited the Foreign Office last Saturday. It was believed here that the United States was even more concerned than Britain about the signs of increasing Soviet influence in Kabul, shown in the attitude adopted by the Afghan Government over its dispute with Pakistan.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Wickedness (4)
 - Swift (5)
 - Bedouin (4)
 - Boast (4)
 - Leads (7)
 - Hit hard (4)
 - Eats dinner (5)
 - Despatched (4)
 - Jabs (5)
 - Commerce (5)
 - Prescribed food (4)
 - Uncanny (5)
 - Encounter (4)
 - Means (7)
 - Uncommon (4)
 - Passport endorsement (4)
 - Satred song (5)
 - Plague (4)
- DOWN**
- Vigilant (5)
 - Settled (7)
 - Poetry (5)
 - Falls behind (4)
 - Lower few feet of room-wall (4)
 - Crooked (4)
 - Tendon (5)
 - Plunder (4)
 - Cut (4)
 - Steeple (5)
 - Stalk (4)
 - Secure (4)
 - Reparation (7)
 - Plunge (4)
 - Noblemen (5)
 - Spy (6)
 - Way out (4)
 - Snare (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Forbid, 7 Raid, 9 Alike, 10 Geese, 11 Sire, 12 Remembered, 15 News, 16 Laid, 18 Contrasted, 22 Stir, 24 Inset, 25 Tolls, 28 Urge, 27 Stress. Down: 2 Odium, 3 Ereum, 4 Dogged, 5 Presents, 6 Tier, 8 Aside, 12 Eased, 13 Bites, 14 Endorsed, 17 Icing, 18 Status, 20 Alter, 21 Tires, 23 Tire.

INVITATION TO RUSSIA THIS WEEK?

Prime Minister Says He Is Hopeful FIRM BASE AT LAST

Leeds, May 9.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, said here tonight that he hoped the West's invitation to Russia for talks to lessen international tension would be made this week.

Discussing the London and Paris treaties, the Prime Minister said: "At last we have the firm base from which to talk with Russia."

"I have always believed that the unity and strength of the West through ratification of these agreements would open the door for negotiations with the Soviet Union."

"We are indeed seeing the first fruits of ratification in the Soviet change of attitude regarding Austria."

"Here we see the results of Western firmness through years of delay and obstruction."

An hour before he spoke the Prime Minister telephoned Mr. Harold Macmillan, Foreign Secretary, in Paris.

Sir Anthony Eden told a 5,000-strong audience: "He seemed to me well satisfied with the progress that is being made."

Sir Anthony Eden, outlining the main points of Conservative policy, denied Socialist allegations that the Government had been slow in their approach to Russia.

"If we had yielded to pressure from the extreme Left to attempt a conference before ratification we would have imperilled the unity and strength of the West. It is upon this that our security and peace depend," he said.

MOMENT OF OPPORTUNITY
He assured the audience: "This is a moment of opportunity which we have worked to create and you can be sure we are ready to seize it."

"The prospect of settled peace is still beset with difficulty but it is fair to say that there are more hopeful signs of a break in the clouds than many of us dared to imagine four years ago."

The Prime Minister said the Conservatives would continue working towards lasting peace and security for the world. They would do all in their power to bring about meetings with leaders of Russia.

Rossellini Not Directing Ingrid

Cannes, May 9.

Swedish-born actress Ingrid Bergman has agreed to star in a new film, to be made in France without her husband, Italian Roberto Rossellini directing it, it was learned at the Cannes International Film Festival here today.

This will be the first time since her marriage to Rossellini that Miss Bergman will not be directed by him.

Her new director will be Frenchman Jean Renoir, who has produced such film classics as "French Can Can" and "The River."

Mr. Renoir said that his new film would begin shooting in about two months' time. It will be made on location in two villages on the coast of Brittany, Douarnenez and Cornouaille.

He said: "I have already worked out the mood and the style and a sort of film treatment and the scenario should be ready soon."

It was understood that Rossellini had given his approval to the project.—France-Press.

Franco-Saar Agreement Signed



Herr Johannes Hoffmann (left) Premier of the Saar and M. Antoine Pinay, the French Foreign Minister, sign the Franco-Saar agreement at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris.—Express Photo.

US Training Over 2,000 Foreign Military Students

Washington, May 9.

More than 2,000 foreign military students are training in United States Army schools this year, the Army said today.

About 2,000 students from 29 countries are attending Army schools under the United States Mutual Defence Assistance (Foreign Aid) Programme. The United States Army also will train between 450 and 600 foreign students this year from countries not on the "aid" list.

The United States has shipped thousands of tons of military equipment to its allies and friendly nations since 1950. Since then more than 12,000 foreign military students have been trained at United States schools to use the equipment.

20 BRANCHES
This year foreign military students are studying at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and in 20 military branch and specialist schools throughout the United States.

Attendance is heaviest at Army infantry, artillery, engineer, signal, armoured car and quartermaster schools.

Foreign military students also attend language, information and psychological warfare schools of the Army as well as certain medical, aviation, and technical schools.

In addition, the Army is training foreign troops within their own borders—notably in Greece, Turkey, Nationalist China, Japan, Thailand and Ethiopia.—United Press.

28 Nationalist Air Groups Over Fukien

Tokyo, May 9.

Twenty-eight groups of Nationalist Chinese aircraft raided the coastal areas of Fukien between May 1 and 7, the Peking radio, monitored here tonight, said.

These aircraft bombed and strafed fishing vessels and inhabitants in 82 sorties. On May 4 last, three F-47s coming from the direction of Quoyoy, dropped bombs on fishermen and vessels near Taomel, Hainan. All three planes were hit by anti-aircraft fire and seriously damaged.

The radio then claimed that Nationalist Chinese planes in 512 waves made 1,028 sorties over the coastal areas of Fukien, Chekiang and Kwangtung last month.

For the same period under review, Nationalist Chinese naval vessels and artillery on Quemoy Island fired some 700 rounds on Amoy, Taitung Island, and the Hwangchi peninsula.—France-Press.

ELECTION ISSUE
Lurking in the background of the campaign is the issue of the hydrogen bomb which both Conservative and Labour leaders hope will both become an election issue.

Mr. Attlee, whose party is split both on the question of its manufacture in Britain and the conditions under which Labour should sanction its use, took steps today to make his own position clear.

In response to a telegram from Mr. Ronald Simms, prospective Conservative candidate at Willesden, East (London), asking for the Labour Party's official attitude, the 72-year-old Socialist leader replied: "Labour policy is in favour of manufacturing the H-bomb pending agreement on general disarmament."

The Labour leader acts out after this week on a 60-meeting tour of Britain in which he will develop all the main planks of Socialist policy.—Reuter.

Life Was Not So Dull In Old Folks Home

Ipswich, May 9.

So many fights broke out among the inmates of the Old People's Home here because of gambling that a committee has been set up to keep the old folks from playing cards and other gambling games.

And where did they get the money to gamble? Mostly from sympathetic visitors who felt sorry for the "dull" life the old people were living.—France-Press.

All-India Congress Welcomes Plan BANDUNG DECLARATION

New Delhi, May 9.

The All-India Congress Committee meeting at Berhampore Orissa today, welcomed the declaration by the Afro-Asian conference urging "world peace and co-operation," and said it was of historic significance and capable of universal application.

The policy-making body of the ruling Congress Party, which is holding a two-day session, affirmed its faith in the 10 principles to govern international relations, as defined by the 29 nations at the Bandung conference.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS
Today's declarations came in a resolution from the Working Committee of the Congress Party, which had framed eight draft resolutions for the session. The other seven deal with domestic issues and party organisation.

Earlier, Mr. U. N. Dethbar, President of the Congress Party, proposed that the Party should strive to raise the standard of living in India by doubling income within 15 years.

He said unemployment was one of the major problems confronting India, and the Congress Party aimed to abolish it within 10 years.

Mr. Dethbar, who is Chief Minister of Saurashtra State, said the Congress Party would take steps to associate women increasingly with its organisation.—Reuter.

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Dr. John Hüllinger, 94, celebrating Mother's Day by delivering his 12,000th baby. The baby was his own.

Dr. Hüllinger's 34-year-old wife called it "the finest Mother's Day gift a woman could want."

Dr. Hüllinger has practiced medicine for 64 years.—United Press.

THREE YEARS IN MALAYA 'Fighting Fijians' Being Withdrawn

Singapore, May 9.

The "Fighting Fijians," for more than three years the terror of Communist terrorists are to be withdrawn from Malaya.

They will be replaced by the First Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, a Federal Government Press statement said tonight.

The Battalion has eliminated 179 terrorists in its stay in Malaya.

MURDER BY MISTAKE IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, May 9.

A young Chinese was brutally clubbed to death last week—though with his dying breath he told his attackers they were making a mistake in identity.

A 20-year-old hawker, Chan Choo-yong, was attacked by three secret society gangsters who thought that Choo-yong was his brother, Chan Sookim, whom they had threatened before. The two brothers looked much alike.

A by-stander heard Choo-yong pleading for his life before the men struck him over the head with an iron bar. He said, "I'm not the one you want—let's talk it over quietly."

They were the last words he ever spoke. The men struck him and escaped in the darkness. In the Chan home, the grieving older brother said, "It was the only one they were after. My brother died in my place. . . . We were always being mistaken for one another, but I never thought it would end like this."—France-Press.

175 KILLED
One hundred and seventy-five were killed, three captured and one surrendered.

The Battalion arrived in Singapore in January 1952.

They have won two Orders of the British Empire, one Member of the Order of the British Empire, one British Empire Medal, two Military Crosses, two Distinguished Conduct Medals, two Military Medals and 24 Mentions in Despatches.

The Fijians left their mark on Malaya in two other spheres—boxing and Rugby football.

Their Rugby team has twice held the Far Eastern Land Forces Championship.

And in boxing Private Tukana won the Light Middleweight Championship and Private Silisoma won the Light Heavyweight Championship.

The Battalion will leave for home in May, already extended once, was due to finish at the end of 1956.

The statement said all available manpower was needed in Fiji to cope with a heavy programme of essential economic and agricultural development.—Reuter.

Teen-Agers' New Racket In Singapore

Singapore, May 8.

Teen-age gangsters have taken advantage of the newly elected Labour Front Government here to develop an entirely new—and very successful—racket.

They tell their victims, who are always elderly women, "The new Government is giving relief to old people. We'll show you where to go to apply . . . but of course, you must look poor and needy. We will take care of your jewellery, until you come back . . ."

Needless to say, when the bewildered old women return, both boys and jewellery are gone for good. Four such cases were reported last week, with jewellery worth some hundreds of dollars lost to the confidence-tricksters.—France-Press.

DID IT HAPPEN?

I SAID I had discovered the secret of the universe. It was one of those remarks thrown into a conversation that is getting on very well without you.

It had the required diversionary effect. The philosopher, the politician and the playwright stopped talking and gave me the conversational right-of-way.

It was under ether, I explained, the last time I had a tooth out. Someone had handed me the "secret of the universe"—in those very words—and there was no doubt, as I remember it, of its authenticity. Every detail of the formula was startlingly vivid, concrete and convincing.

"A common phenomenon," snapped the philosopher, as I vaguely drifted to the end of my anecdote. "But, of course, there is no secret of the universe."

This drew cries of protest from the politician and the playwright. Prove it, they said, and he tried and almost did. I say "almost" because the talk had somehow been diverted to telephony and the subconscious before he could finish his argument.

Was it possible

Was it possible to know what has been happening to someone else far away? Was reality only a form of energy capable of being arbitrarily transferred from a place to a mind? The philosopher was enthusiastically embarking in an explanation of the psi-factor and precognition, when the duties of a host forced me to leave this animated talk and look after something in the kitchen. When I returned they were discussing China.

Two days later I was up late reading a book I was to review. The telephone rang, and as I got up to answer it I noticed the time was seven minutes after one.

"Hello," said a hearty voice at the other end. "What are you doing? This is Mark."

"Mark? Oh, yes," I answered, recognising the name and voice as belonging to a journalist friend of mine. "I'm just reading and about to go to bed. Why?"

"Well, we saw the lights still on in your flat and wondered if

you'd mind being disturbed. We've just left a dull party in your square and don't want to go home. Would you care for some company?"

"Who's we?" I said. I liked Mark. I wasn't tired and I was attracted by the prospect of someone to talk to after a conscientious evening with a heavy book.

"Two beautiful girls and myself," said Mark. "And they want to meet you."

Sleep deferred

In such matters, Mark was a man of considerable discernment. It was no effort to decide sleep could wait.

"All right. How long will you be?"

"Oh, well, be right over," he said. "I'm in a call box round the corner."

By the time the doorbell rang, I had set out some glasses and a bottle of brandy. I live in one of those large houses in Balon Square recently converted into modern flats. The porter retires quite early and this means that late at night one has to go down in the lift and let one's guests in oneself.

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THE PHONE RANG TWICE

by MILTON SHULMAN

A hungry impresario, he introduced me to his two captivating companions.

"Toni...and Jocelyn," he said, sweeping his arm casually from one to the other and dispensing with surnames.

Toni—the names, of course, are fictitious—carried her cool beauty with a studied grace. She was wearing an elegant tweed suit that offered a direct challenge to the drab winter night. She gave me a poised nod and a half-smile.

Jocelyn was the gamin-type. Her dark hair was worn in that jagged style that looks as if it had been cut by a drunken geometriician. She was vivacious and pretty.

Some more?

The chat-chat as we went up to my flat was tentative and aimless. Everyone agreed that brandies would be "just perfect." I had but finished pouring them when my telephone rang again.

"Do you always get calls at such strange hours?" asked Mark.

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Drawing by ECKHART

"Are you all right?" He sounded anxious.

"No, no, no. That's the truth. They arrived barely a minute or two before you phoned. They were at some party or other."

"Do you know them?" asked Hugh.

"I do know the man. The girls are friends of his. I've never seen them before."

"Now you've given me goose pimples," said Hugh. "I should, I suppose, tell you this, too. This evening we had a chap along to dinner who claims to be able to predict the future. He's done some really extraordinary things. And he said there would be a horrible crime committed in London tonight. Otherwise I'd probably have turned over and gone to sleep instead of phoning you. Perhaps you ought to get rid of them."



WHETHER writing about films, plays or books, MILTON SHULMAN provides controversy. He has lived in New York, London, Canada, 40 years ago, he was a journalist before arriving in Britain with the Communist Party during the war. His book *Defeat in the West: A History of the Collapse of the Weimar Republic* has been a best-seller.

"Oh, I can't do that," I said, recovering my composure. "They've just arrived. And anyway they're extremely pretty. Do you think I ought to tell them?"

"Perhaps tell the man. You know him. I don't know about the girls."

"Well, if I'm not dead in the morning," I said, putting on my most carefree air, "I'll certainly have a jolly good dining-out story."

"Do be careful anyway," said Hugh.

"And you be careful, too," I answered. "You know these dreams don't always get all the facts right. It may be you who ends up in a pool of blood. But thanks for warning me."

Awe-struck

After Hugh had hung up, I sat staring at the telephone trying to re-assess my thoughts. I was less frightened than awed. What could be the possible explanation of it all?

Again I thought of a hoax. But Hugh had sounded perfectly sincere. And anyway there was the time element. The call had come so quickly after my guests arrived that I could not see how he could have known they were coming.

The dream, if I wasn't being foolish, must have been extraordinarily compelling for Hugh to make a call so late. Was there, then, something here beyond the realms of logic?

A change

I must admit that when I returned to my guests they looked slightly different. Tony looked more relaxed, more at ease. I did my best to forget the call and make a light conversation. However, I soon realised I was doing it badly.

I decided it would be much fairer to them, and might clear away some of my own forebodings, if I told them about Hugh's dream. They listened in a kind of uncomfortable silence.

"Of course, it's a joke," said Mark when I'd finished. "Either your friend is making it up or you're making it up." Mark had never met Hugh.

There must have been something in my voice, that convinced him of my own innocence.

"Well, it's a long time since Toni's killed anyone," said Jocelyn, trying to break the uneasy atmosphere.

"I don't like it," said Toni bluntly.

I realised that I had frightened them. I made an effort to be reassuring. Even if Hugh did have such a dream, there was nothing in it to suggest

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gest anyone here had killed anyone. They may merely have found my body.

That made matters worse. I deliberately changed the subject. But it was obvious that conviviality was out of the question. After a desultory conversation for about a quarter of an hour, the girls began to talk about work in the morning. I made some feeble gestures to have them stay, but finally ushered them out with as many light-hearted apologies as I could muster.

Alone, the flat was suddenly charged with eerie expectancy. What happens now? What would have happened if there had been no telephone call? Did it snap the chain of events? A horrible crime would be committed tonight. Hugh's friend had predicted.

I knew

But not necessarily to me. What about Mark and the girls? Would they get back safe tonight? Or even Hugh? I got into bed, fitfully went over it all again and fell into a restless sleep.

To my surprise, it was past nine when I woke. I phoned Mark immediately. He was as hearty as ever. The girls were convinced I had made it up myself. Anyway, it certainly put some excitement into this evening.

About ten, Hugh was on the phone. He apologised for disturbing me with such a silly dream, but he had little more to add.

About an hour later, driving to the office in a taxi I noticed, as we stopped for the traffic lights to change, some lettering scrawled in the rough hand of a news-vendor on one of those evening paper placards. "Well-known playwright dies," it read. I didn't get out to buy a paper to see if it was Hugh. For I knew.

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EDEN MUST FIGHT HARD TO RETAIN PREMIERSHIP

By JAMES WICKENDEN

FROM the opening shots of Britain's election campaign it is clear that the two main parties have no startlingly new idea to offer.

The Tories stand by their record in foreign and domestic affairs. The Socialists attack them in their usual terms.

Experts of both parties discount the importance of the Bevan split in the Socialist party and the Tory successes in recent by-elections.

The outlook, therefore, is that Britain will once again—on May 26—be divided into two almost equally strong camps. Left and Right, and waging a close fight.

Seats held on small majorities will become the main battlefields. Marginal factors such as the weather on polling day, the success of each party machine in getting voters to vote, and flair on television "bustings" will become vital.

Another uncertainty in a close fight is caused by the British system of election. For the number of voters backing each party is an unreliable pointer to the number of seats parties will win in Parliament. This explains the chief fallacy in public opinion polls.

ANOMALY

In the last election, for example, the Socialists actually polled 776,559 more votes than the Tories. But the Tories achieved a Parliamentary majority of 23 seats over the Socialists.

The anomaly is explained by the British voting system, which does not recognise political parties as part of the Constituency. Each Member of Parliament is elected by a simple majority in his own constituency, theoretically on his own merits.

Thus, a Tory may be victorious in one constituency with a majority of one vote; and a Socialist may win in another with a majority of 10,000. In Parliament, the two men, each other as equals, although the voting showed more actual support for the Socialist Party.

All this means that a few votes either way in marginal seats can seriously affect the strength of the main parties in Parliament. These few votes may have almost nothing to do with the general prestige of any particular party. It is almost a matter of chance.

Despite the element of luck, Britain's opinion of its main parties has been reflected in the total votes cast in the last three elections.

INTENTION

But this time there is one difference—the Liberals. Although a small party without expectation of winning many seats, they can affect the fortunes of the other parties.

Their intention to put up about 50 percent more candidates than last time will draw away support that might otherwise have been given to either the Tories or Socialists.

Since, claim the Tories, Liberals without a candidate usually vote for them, the new Liberal policy may weaken the Tories.

Whatever the pundits can see in the figures of past elections, one factor is clear: at least one man seems confident that his party has the best chance—Sir Anthony Eden. For it was he who made the final decision for a quick appeal to the country, 18 months before time.

ROMANTIC ITALY—BUT NOT FOR PRIVATE ANGELO

By RONALD BOXALL

Milan. Contrary to what one might expect (judging by the films) from Romantic Italy and the land of (apparently) love-sick Lollors, I have been doing some nose-parkering in Italy's parks. Purpose of my investigation? To see for myself whether the signors in uniform attract the signorinas in the way Roman film-makers would have us believe.

Pte Angelo, or the average Italian male in uniform, does not make the average Italian girl's heart beat faster. Indeed, as often as not, Pte Angelo makes her run away.

There are several reasons for this unexpected state of affairs. First, Italy is more class-conscious than love-conscious. Girl office-workers in the big towns spend much more money on dress than their British counterparts. So do the factory girls, with the result that every signorina earning more than £4 a week believes that nylons, silks, alligator bags and shoes are "mists".

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where Pte Angelo comes into (or goes out of) the picture. This is the stage where the Italian soldiers in military or any other language, may "Fall Out".

A soldato semplice—literally a simple, or private, soldier—receives only 5d. a day. This is not enough to buy two glasses of orangeade, and certainly not enough for a twosome at the pictures, as there are no seats in Milan's down-town cinemas at less than 4s. The result is that the Italian Miss (not wishing to give the impression that she cannot find a boy friend with financial possibilities suitable for her chic courtial standards) gives Pte Angelo a wide berth.

WALKING OUT

Another reason for Angelo's flop at flirting is the signorina's anti-social view on such matters. Most Italian girls will walk out only with a man interested in marriage, while in many provinces in the South this "walking out" is permitted only when mamma, papa, sister or brother is available to act as third party insurance. All in all the outlook for a Romeo with love in his heart and a soldier's pittance in his pocket is far from bright, even on the sunniest days.

Said Pte Alfonso D'Amato (the name means "of love"), a 22-year-old national service man from Foggia: "We get the cold shoulder from all the city girls because they know the 'drives' have ten times as much cash for entertaining them. The only girls who will always keep up, which is

wide berth

They dress so smartly that it is difficult to spot who is an industrial magnate's daughter and who is a typist. And, clothing themselves in elegant attire as they do, they prefer to frequent cinemas and theatres where appearances and prices are always kept up. Which is

walk out with us in Milan are

those in domestic service. They are usually from poor peasant homes in the country and are used to going for walks instead of going to expensive cinemas. But our dates with them are strictly rationed. For they only get one half-day off a week—Sunday."

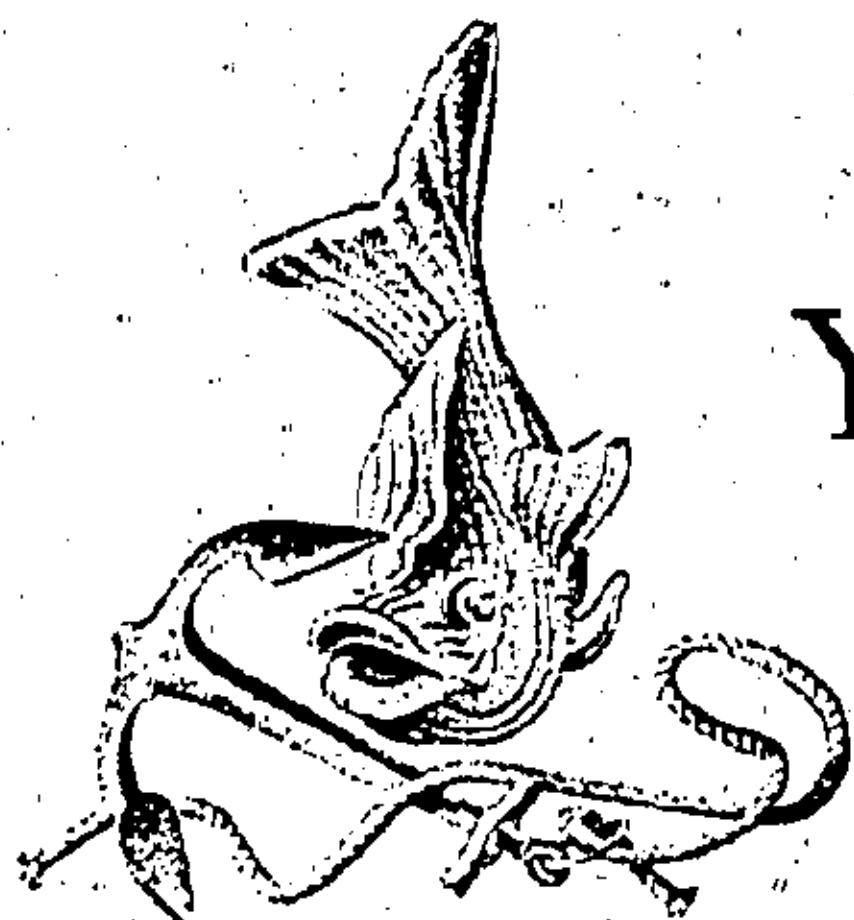
LOVE SIGNALS

Added Rosa Colombo, his 23-year-old girl friend: "We like to sit on the park benches. But I worry all-week whether it will rain on Sunday."

She was a maid, with a broad smile matching her rather ample physique. She had what most young women long for—a baby-on her knee. It was her mistress's baby. And what with holding the baby and holding Pte Alfonso's fingers, she certainly seemed to have her hands full.

In a less shady part of the park, things were not going so well for two Roman soldiers. These two khaki Casanovas, fervent believers in the "do-it-yourself" movement, were flashing their messages of love at first sight to each full-figured fanculla who caught their fancy. But the fancullas were not having any.

Said Pte Costantino Brucioti, youthful and yearning for a date: "If only Italian girls would take Gina Lollobrigida as an example. In 'Bread, Love and Jealousy' she is crazy about men in uniform. She dreams only of kissing a smart carabinieri. But films are like that. Full of beauties and baloney. Everything is cosy on the film set."

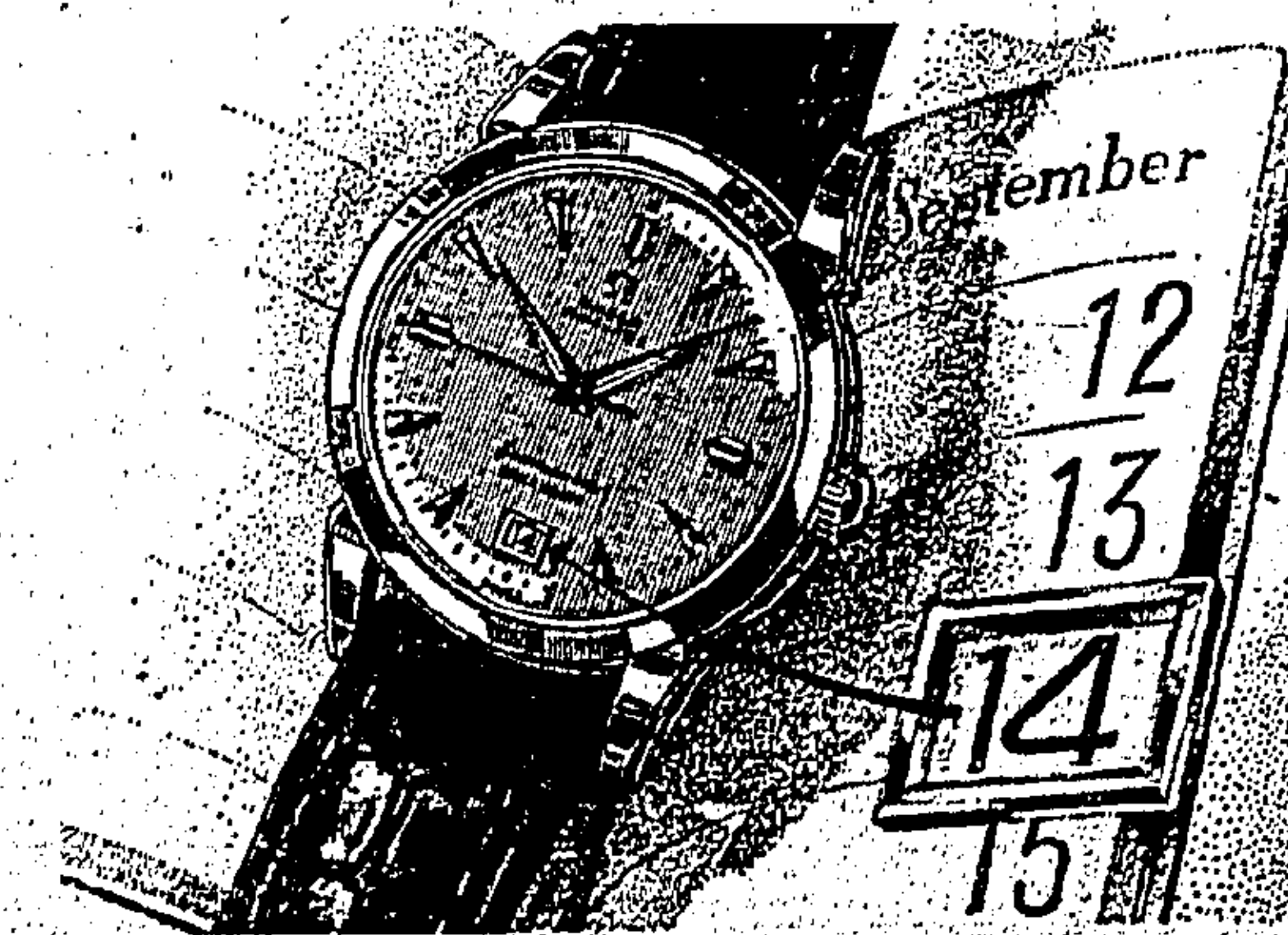


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PORT VALE v STOKE CITY



A flying leap by Harry Oseroff, Stoke's left winger, carries him well over the top of home right full back Turner, but goalkeeper King got there first to punch Malkin's centre away to safety. Stoke City won 1-0.

SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

The Passing Back To The Goalkeeper Craze Must End

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

Stop this indiscriminate passing back to the goalkeeper from well outside the danger zone or we will. That is the directive likely to be sent out to English FA clubs before next season.

Football authorities are so concerned about the increasing use of this move that thought is being given to a change of rule to discourage it.

Only last week Sir Leslie Bowker, leading light on the FA Council and an amateur defender of distinction in the early 20's, said: "I would forbid a goalkeeper the privilege of using his hands to any ball passed back to him from outside the penalty area."

Almost as he had finished speaking a half-back in a match we were watching passed back from only a yard or so from the centre spot.

With the cossetting of goalkeepers by referees it has become an even greater timewaster than the kick into touch because 'keepers have quickly learned from the Continentals how to use the penalty area as a Tom Tiddler's ground.

Joe Harvey, skipper of Newcastle's two post-war Wembley Cup triumphs, would like to play for England's old-timers in the international tournament sponsored by Italy next June. Trouble is Joe was one of the best wing half-backs never to play for England.

What's all this talk of Derby County selling the Baseball Ground to a commercial undertaking for building purposes?

OUTRAGEOUS
If Russia and satellite countries send their Olympic teams to Australia three months in advance the 1956 Games will go down as the most outrageous display of political ballyhoo in sporting history.

This was a view I heard expressed last week by amateur

sport officials. They feel the Iron Curtain countries should be told very firmly that their intentions are alien to both the spirit of amateurism and the Olympic movement.

When America were the tops they started an unofficial points merit table. Next year they're going to regret they ever conceived the idea.

As a member of the angling band of hope fraternity I recommend "The Angling Times Book" (James Barrie, 12s. 6d.) for highly interesting reading and lavish illustrations, not that I ever expect to land a fish.

Contrary to general belief Billy Strauss is not managing Bideford. "The job with the North Devon club entailed me playing again and I didn't want to come out of retirement." The former Aberdeen and Argyle winger is assisting with secretarial duties at Home Park and is in charge of Plymouth's third team.

FATIGUES?

Army footballers seem to get their full whack of fatigue duty. When England's latest cap, Jimmy Meadows, was doing his National Service he frequently played as many as four matches a week, while Swansea tell me Melvyn Charles has already played more than 150 games this season.

Southport will shortly be asked "how much?" for Bill

Beardell, their big centre-forward signed from Middlesbrough on a free transfer after leaving the Services.

"History will be repeated by City getting through to the final again next year." Who makes this rash prediction? Why the manager and masseur of Brighton's bright ice-hockey outfit—none other than Sammy Cowan, skipper of Manchester City's last FA Cup triumph.

Officials of Leicester City, Spurs and Fulham who attended Peterborough's match with Bradford which preceded their coming-of-age banquet were impressed by the centre-forward display of Jimmy Kelly, 21-year-old former Scottish junior from Bellshill.

ANTI-TV

Darlington have joined the anti-TV brigade. Manager Bob Gurney told me that televising the second half of Bishop Auckland's Amateur Cup triumph over Hendon reduced their home gate to 4,500—the lowest attendance of the season.

Support is increasing for cutting out Christmas Day football. Discussing it with Jack Rowley and George Roughton the other day, Jack, the Plymouth manager, said that he's had only one Christmas meal at home in 18 years.

Said Southampton's manager: "I have been at home on Christmas Day only twice in 26 years."

THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL HAS ITS FASCINATION BUT VERY LITTLE ELSE

Says STEPHEN COULTER

One of the most elaborate pieces of hokum and ballyhoo we have yet been treated to is now being served up under the enamel-blue sky of Cannes. It is called the 8th International Film Festival and it has a fascination but little else.

At the moment this sardine-packed, bumptious, posturing, expensive, pretentious Riviera resort resembles a cross between an American election convention invaded by bees, a tom-tom palava by Congo negroes and a strip-tease in the grounds of a mental clinic. Perhaps it most resembles the latter.

Officially (that is, if you take their word for it), the promoters of this affair have only one simple interest at heart. They want to be sure you and I know without doubt which of the films we've seen (or have to see) this year are "the best." They will make their decision quite clear for your benefit by awarding Prizes so that when you see your local cinema offering "Slit His Throat Baby: Cannes Prize Award for Best Fastest Picture of the Year," you will spend sleepless nights waiting for it, leave the office early on the day, refuse to eat the wife's dinner and rush in the fastest taxi to see it.

How nice, one thinks. Such solidarity! It is all sent off in a screech of publicity. The brass bands are out, the flags are flying, 87 nations are attending, the stars of the world are hatching their way through walls of living flesh to get on set planes for Cannes! Then you sit down in one of the promenade cafes amid all the din and rum-pus of it and see that you and I, Mr and Mrs Box Office, are the joke of the whole thing.

Here in fact is the cinema world announcing "Mr and Mrs Box Office will swallow anything—it is laid on with a loud enough bang." Here are the cinema moguls saying "We can put over a mentally developed teen-ager as a million-dollar second Sarah Bernhardt—and you'll fall for it." Here are the stars saying "Walk up, walk up. Here we are for two million worth of free publicity."

And here also are the screen-struck girls and boys with dreams of immortality as the third one from the left in the crowd scene of the mammoth new epic "Roman Orgies," crying "Take notice of me! Please do!"

The whole thing is organised with a virtuosity that takes your breath away. Rumours are put out artfully to the panting beives of reporters and photographers: Gina Lollobrigida has snubbed Sophia Loren and (what do you think) Sophia Loren has snubbed Gina Lollobrigida. Gary Cooper is sleeping 15 hours a day to be "on form" for the climax; Brigitte Bardot has brought down 86 Bikinis and is not sleeping at all.

STAR BANQUETS

Star banquets are being given oftener than anybody can eat, at which 200 photographers are allowed to slip in after the caviar and then effect by police to make them sure they are missing something. "Scandals" are launched with cunning art: So-and-So (The Home-Spun Star married for 40 years with 8 children) is flitting with Such-and-Such (The 9 times divorced real-life Vamp).

Female stars are seen constantly from breakfast time on strolling negligently in the sun in evening dress as though

it were naturally what they wore all the time. Necklines dive lower and lower. Some of the blonde lovelies post and look amply when they are caught (such an accident!) supine on the beach in filmslees enough to make the sea blush.

Others even get away with old technique that was bogged-eyed when Garbo used it, refusing to be seen, fighting off cameramen, asking for police protection and reported to be sobbing with "despair in their hotel rooms. Nonchalantly it is made known that it's easier to get an interview with Mao Tse-tung than one with Esther Williams or Doris Day. Assistant Producers are as serious as a Cabinet Minister.

LOWER NECKLINES

The "starlets" sit at the cafe tables on view with even lower necklines. You remember them. "I was the waitress in the scene that was cut from 'That Seductive Weekend'." Of course! And if you edge up you'll probably find

a film reporter earning his living gathering the anonymous material of a Personal Interview. "I like dogs. Men, women and children are my favourite people. I also love radishes."

"Yes, I eat them raw. Orson Welles taught me how. I've just refused five enormous contracts from Hollywood. The parts weren't dramatic enough. I'm all drama, you know." Once in a while the moguls and the stars drift into the Festival Palace on the seafront and sit looking bored and full of too many martinis through somebody else's film that they know all about anyway and that they are going to see does not get a prize.

Cars as long as a street glitter along the Croisette. In the end somebody has to have a Prize and everybody tries to look as though they meant it.

At last they all leave and all that is left, drifting over the blown discs of paper and the stale marmosine cherries, is a faint echo of a horse-laugh.

Indians' Elite Pitching Staff Being Challenged By The Detroit Tigers

New York, May 9.

The Cleveland Indians' elite pitching staff, with its fabulous "Big Three", was being challenged for No. 1 ranking in the Majors today by the Detroit Tigers' smooth blend of youth and experience.

With all 16 teams enjoying a day off after completing their first swings around the circuits, manager Bucky Harris' staff was the smoothest-working in the big time. It's not that the Indians' staff has faltered too much—although it has been more effective in some past seasons—but just that the Tigers are getting the best day-to-day hurling.

In their first 24 games—the Indians have seen their starting pitcher go the distance no fewer than 16 times. The Indians, with 11 complete games in their 24 contests, are the only other staff with as many as 10 such jobs, and Detroit's pitchers have turned in more shutouts and one-run games.

The ex-actors are one shutout and four one-run games for the Indians and two shutouts

and five one-run efforts for the Tigers. The Brooklyn Dodgers surprisingly have turned in the most complete pitching efforts in the National League—nine. Both the Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies have eight, while the Milwaukee Braves and New York Giants have seven each.

The other three National League clubs' pitching has been in a turmoil most of the time with the Pittsburgh Pirates showing only five complete games, the Cincinnati Redlegs three, and the St. Louis Cardinals the amazingly small figure of only two.

Although a shade less effective than Detroit's, Cleveland's hurling has been sound enough to get the team off to an even faster start than in 1954 when it won a record 111 games and the American League Championship.

With four straight wins and nine victories in their last 10 games, the Indians held first place by two games and had a 17-7 record for a .708 percentage.

In the National League, of course, the whole story has been the amazing Dodgers with 21 victories in 23 games and two 11-game winning streaks.

They lead the second-place Braves by nine games and the third-place Giants by 9½—enormous margins at this time of the year. The Indians, for example, are only 8½ games ahead of the seventh-place Red Sox in the American League—United Press.

Stanley Shield Seven-a-Side

Tourney Starts

Eastern "B" completely unexpectedly beat the Kwong Wah seniors by two goals to one as the Stanley Shield Seven-a-Side soccer tournament got off to a good start at the Club ground yesterday.

South China "B" surprised everybody by fielding the stars of the Caroline Hill team and gave Gymnastic an 11-1 trouncing.

Scores were: Kwong Wah 1, Eastern "B" 2; CMB 0, Police "A" 3; Tramways 0, Club "A" 1; S. China "B" 11, Gymnastic 0; CAA 2, RIL 0; Sing Tao "A" 1, RAY 0; Army "A" 4, Kitchener "B" 2; Daily Farm 2, Watsons 0.

South Africans Uneasy Against Spin Attack

Worcester, May 9.

The South African cricketers did not make a very impressive show against the spin attack on the second day of the opening match of their tour here today.

The tourists were dismissed in just under 3½ hours for 209 giving Worcestershire a first innings lead of 51 which the County increased to 200 by the close with four second innings wickets left.

If the pitch crumbles on the last day tomorrow the South Africans may have difficulty avoiding defeat. Their batsmen gave an indication today that they may well experience more trouble against England's spin bowlers in the Test series than against the much vaunted speed attack.

Bob Berry, the England and former Lancashire left-arm spinner who joined Worcestershire this season, captured five South African wickets for 60.

Trevor Goddard, left-hand opening batsman who was top scorer with 47 and Lenky Paul Winslow, who made 37, were the only South Africans to deal confidently with the attack. Goddard played some excellent on-side shots and altogether, hit seven boundaries.

John Wailes, after a shaky start, scored 38 and helped Goddard to add 85 runs in 95 minutes for the second wicket.

Worcestershire also struck trouble when they batted a second time, losing half their wickets for 74 but George Dewes and John Whithers then collected the bowling, putting on 31 in 70 minutes for the sixth wicket.

The sixth wicket, South African off-spinner, Hugh Tayfield, has so far claimed five of the wickets for 67. Scores: Worcestershire 280 and 150 for six; South Africa 209, 100 for

TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM

Master The 'Masse'

I always like to play the 'Masse' stroke, for it is a fascinating stroke and generally gets appreciation from onlookers. Apart from being rather spectacular, and often placed in the category of a trick shot, it is a most helpful stroke and one which every player should try to master.

For the first-class amateur, and the professional player, the Masse is vital for getting out of many snookers and also for controlling the cue-ball. Difficult positions can arise during a frame of Snooker when only the 'masse' can get you out of trouble.

The stroke demands a lot of practice. You must master the timing and correct striking of the cue-ball, and be able to play it with a reasonable certainty of success when a distance of a foot to twenty-four inches is between the obstructing ball and the ball ON.

Claude Faulkner is generally accepted as the finest 'Masse' player in the game. His timing and delicacy of touch are unequalled. The fact that he is on the short side dismisses the conclusion drawn by many players that the 'masse' is only within the scope of the tall player.

The photograph shows me demonstrating the 'Masse'. The cue is held vertically, and note particularly the shortened, clenched grip on the cue.

You may find the bridge-hand difficult at first. The pressure is

on the finger tips, the forefinger is curled under the thumb, and the cue is guided between the thumb and the base of the forefinger.

I am playing to hit the pink snookered by the black. Addressing the cue-ball to the top left-edge the stroke is played with a little force, and if the cue-ball is struck correctly it will shoot out in a straight line, before making its turn around the black to pot the pink as shown by the dotted line.

Put the balls in the position shown in the photograph and practise the 'Masse'. This you can do without fear of doing damage to the cloth. I think it is because they are frightened of damaging the cloth that so many players reject this stroke, but it can be mastered if you are confident and prepared to practise.



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Battle Between The Codes Goes On

London, May 10.

Rugby Union versus Rugby League, South versus North. That is the battle which has been going on for years between adherents of the two codes.

The question arises whether it is fit and proper to let things go on, as now, without alteration to the rules of either game or whether it would not be better for the bodies to realise where the other game is better than their own and borrow from it the better points.

Rivalry is such that one can see no hope of either the 15 a side men giving way to the 13 a side or vice versa. In some ways it is a pity, but it could be said that it is well for both to retain their own individuality.

There is, however, a lot of opposition among the League men to the present monotonous man-in-possession rule. They feel it would speed up the game and make it more entertaining if as in rugby the ball were allowed to go free when a player is tackled.

Jim Sullivan, the famous Welsh fullback, now manager, believes that it is worth trying and that it would lead to some big scoring. There are also Union players who favour the League system of scoring.

Union players are inclined to scoff at the League game but the Cup Final at Wembley should have converted many, even though it was a very scrappy in the first half.

There are those who say this final should be played in the North where it belongs, and that instead of the 67,000 crowd, Wembley (it holds over 90,000) they would get a capacity crowd anywhere.

There is something for this viewpoint but playing the final at Wembley certainly popularises the game in the South where it is seldom ever played and secondly it gives League fans the weekend of their lives in London—Up for the 'Cup'—China Mail Special.

Snooker Champion In Hospital

Nuneaton, Warwickshire, May 9.
Mr. Donald Walker, Nuneaton, former world professional Snooker Champion, aged 47, was in hospital at Nuneaton today with a broken leg after a weekend car accident. China Mail Special.

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Conquest Of The Alps Exhibition Opened In Switzerland

Geneva, May 9.
Nearly 170 years of Alpine history is laid out
in a fascinating exhibition, entitled "The
Conquest of the Alps," which has opened its doors
in Geneva's Museum of History and Art.

The exhibition traces the development of
mountaineering in the Alps from the first
expedition to the top of Mont Blanc (4,810 metres)
in the year 1786, as well as the rudimentary
equipment used by the early Alpine expeditions.

Early Alpine maps and charts
dating back to the 18th century
are also on view.

90TH ANNIVERSARY
The exhibition is put on
by the Geneva Section of
the Swiss Alpine Club,
which is celebrating its
90th anniversary this year.

An exhibit of major interest
is the relics of the ill-fated
expedition led by the English-
man, Edward Whymper, which
in 1858 successfully conquered
the great 4,482-metre peak of
the Matterhorn for the first
time, but which cost the lives of
four of the mountaineers.

Whymper's party of 80 years
ago consisted of two roped
groups with Whymper and two
guides, named Taugwalder
(father and son), in one, and
Lord Francis Douglas, the
Reverend Charles Hudson, Mr.
Robert Hadow and a guide,
Michel Croz, in the other.

The two groups had just
started their descent from the
summits of the great pyramid
of rock when it was realised
that most of the nails had been
ripped from Hadow's boots, on
the ascent and that he was slip-
ping badly on the icy rocks.

It was decided that the two
groups should be joined for
added safety, making a single
group of the seven men all
roped together. But the only
rope available was a length of
heavy window-sash line, which
Whymper had kept in reserve.

Once again Hadow slipped,
this time falling on top of the
guide, Michel Croz. Their com-
bined weight was too much for
the sash line, which parted,
plunging Hadow, Croz, Hudson
and Lord Douglas to their deaths.

NEVER FOUND

The body of Lord Francis
Douglas was never found,
though one of his boots,
ripped from his foot in the
fall, is to be seen in the
Geneva exhibition. The
bodies of the other three
were recovered.

In a glass case in this section
of "The Conquest of the Alps,"
can be seen the frayed and
broken length of sash line, Lord
Francis Douglas's boot, the Rev.
Hudson's prayer book, one of
Hadow's boots, tragically devoid
of nails, and Michel Croz's hat.
A portrait of Edward Whymper
looks down from the wall on
these tragic remains.

The Geneva Exhibition serves
to emphasise the tremendous
part played by British mount-
aineers in "The Conquest of the
Alps."

Just 100 years ago this year,
a party of six Britons consist-
ing of the brothers Edmund,
John and Christopher Smyth,
accompanied by J. Birkbeck, C.
Hudson and G. Stephenson, con-
quered the highest peak in the
Swiss Alps, the 4,633-metre
Dufourspitze of the Monte Rosa
massif.

Within only the last two or
three weeks, a description of
the climb written by Edmund
Smyth in 1855 has been found at
Riffelberg, near Zermatt. A
photostat copy hangs in the
exhibition.

After the success of the Smyth
brothers, peak after peak fell to
the British "invasion" during
the next few years. In 1861,
William Matthews and F. W.
Jacomb climbed the Cervin
(4,572 metres), a 7-man British
expedition with five guides
conquered the Lyskamm (4,538
metres), and Professor John
Tyndall conquered the Weiss-
horn (4,512 metres).

The following year, T. S.
Kennedy and Wignall climbed
the Dent Blanche (4,364 metres)
and in 1863, Macdonald, Grove
and Woodman reached the sum-
mit of the Parrotspitze (4,436
metres). In 1864, Grove and
Stephenson climbed the Gothorn
(4,223 metres) and
Edward Whymper, with Moore
and Walker, conquered the
Eiger (4,101 metres). This
just about accounted for the
majority of Swiss peaks over
4,000 metres (about 13,000 feet).
Another interesting section of
the exhibition is devoted to the

great Geneva alpinist and
scientist, Horace Benedict de
Saussure.

PRIZE OFFERED

In 1786, M. de Saussure
offered a prize to the first
expedition to reach the
summit of Mont Blanc,
Europe's highest mountain,
and this was achieved the
same year by two Chamonix
mountaineers, Jacques Bal-
mat and Dr Paccard.

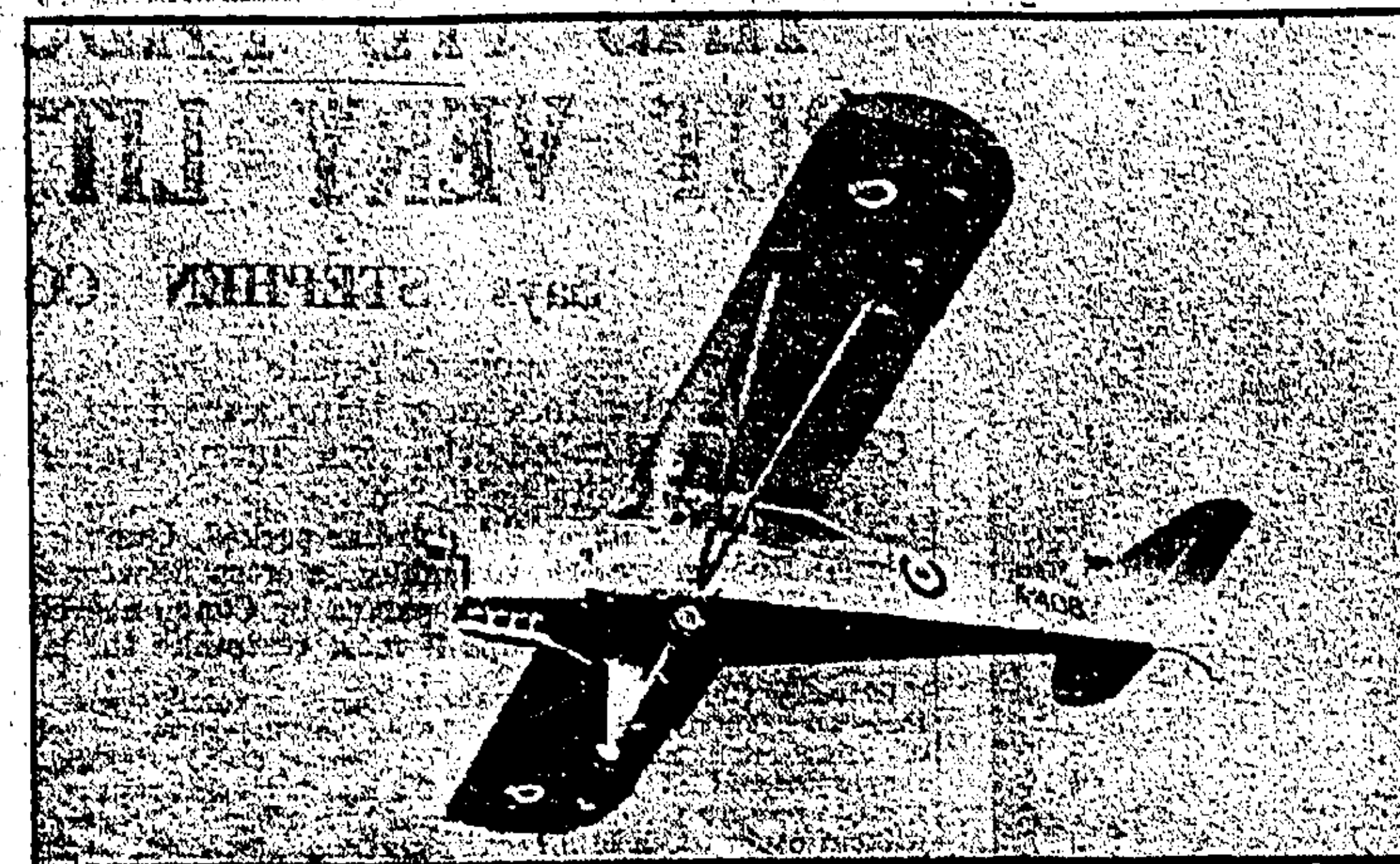
In 1797, Balmat took de
Saussure to the top of the
mountain and he became the
first scientist to undertake an
organised climb of an Alpine
peak as well as the first man to
make scientific observations
from its summit.

The exhibition shows Horace
de Saussure's "boots," in reality
nothing more than heavy-nailed
buckram shoes, and much of his
equipment, including an enor-
mous brass megaphone through
which he shouted instructions
to his guides and porters.

A coloured print shows de
Saussure being lowered down an
icy slope on the end of a rope.
The worthy gentleman, however,
thought this too undignified, and
ordered his "official artist" to do
another. This was done show-
ing him coming down unaided.

Both prints hang in the ex-
hibition. The "Conquest of the Alps"
also shows ancient Alpine charts
dating from 1588 as well as
early drawings of the sources of
Europe's two major rivers, the
Rhine and Rhone, which rise
from glaciers within a few
miles of each other. —China Mail
Special.

IF MAN WERE LIKE A SPARROW A General Would Be Pleased



Greece Again Accuses Britain Over Cyprus

United Nations, May 9.
The Greek delegate to the
United Nations, Mr. Christian
Palamas, said today in a
memorandum, handed to the
Secretary-General's Office that
Britain in Cyprus was pursuing
a policy of colonial domination,
which brought forth violence.

Mr. Palamas said his Govern-
ment accepted a postponement
of a United Nations debate on
Cyprus last December in the
hope that a solution in conform-
ity with justice, liberty and
reason might be found.

The delegate in his letter to-
day said these hopes had not
been realised for which the re-
gime exercised by Great Britain
was responsible.

The Greek Government re-
serves the right to examine in
future all measures which might
be appropriate to the situa-
tion. Mr. Palamas warned—
France-Press.

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East, Great Britain & Europe, 6
p.m.
India-China, 6 p.m.

Nationalisation Of Steel Works Rejected

Saarbrücken, May 9.
The Saarland Landtag (parlia-
ment) today rejected by 28
votes to 16, a Social Democratic
motion to nationalise the biggest
steel works in the Saarland—the
Roehling Works at Voelkingen.
In the debate before the
vote, Herr Hoffmann said
nationalisation of the steel
works, which were owned by
the Roehling family, would
frighten off foreign capital.
The Saar, which had just pro-
tested against a "solution of
force" for the steel works
agreed upon by France and
Germany, could not now pro-
pose another "solution of force"
—nationalisation.—Reuter.

Vientiane, May 9.
Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the
British Commissioner-General to
Southeast Asia, left here today
for a two-day visit to Saigon.
During his stay in Laos, Mr.
MacDonald saw Crown Prince
Savang Vatthana, Premier Katay
Savath, Defence Minister
Souvanna Phouma and Khouy
Aboey, the minister temporarily
in charge of foreign affairs. —
France-Press.

New York, May 9.
General B. W. Chidlaw, Commander-in-Chief
of the Continental Air Command, suggested that
his job would be a lot simpler if man were
engineered more like a sparrow.

"For every added mile in air speeds,
engineering has to reach back and grab man by
the scruff of the neck and pull him along with it,"
Gen. Chidlaw said at a luncheon.

Gen. Chidlaw said the pres-
ent-day interceptor pilot is
training to shoot at a target he
cannot see, using gadgets to
compensate for his inadequate
reflexes, all the while done up
in oxygen and pressure and a
special suit "which literally
keeps him from popping open
like a dropped watermelon
during some of the great gravity
pulls and strains."

aerodynamic design." Gen.
Chidlaw said.—U.P.

LESS SPECTACULAR

While the turbojet and
turbo-prop aircraft steal the
headlines, orders continue
to flow in to British factories
for the slower and less
spectacular piston-engine
aircraft. The demand for
trainers, light and
medium transports, and
aircraft for special duties
continues unabated, and is
ever expanding.

Talking civil aircraft first,
there is a wide diversity of
types, the smallest of which is
made by Auster. During the past
five months, three Aiglets (two-
seat dual control aerobically
training aircraft) and two
Autocubs (four-seat light trans-
ports) have been delivered to
the Kuwait Air Club in the
Persian Gulf. A further ten
Autocubs have been delivered
to Argentina to fulfil the duties
of agricultural insecticide spray-
ing, ambulance and liaison
passenger aircraft. A further
eleven have been ordered. Other
countries which have taken de-
liveries during the past twelve
months are Australia, Belgium,
Norway, Pakistan, Spain, Swe-
den and West Africa.

Two well-established de
Havilland feeder line types still
in demand are the twin engined
8-11 passenger Dove and the
four engined 14-17 passenger
Heron. More than five hundred
Doves have been ordered for
service on routes to some forty
countries in all parts
of the world, the most recent
delivery being to the Govern-
ment of Portuguese Timor for
the internal services of
Transportes Aereos de Timor.
Also now in process of being
delivered is the order for seven
Heron Series 2's for the Turkish
States Air Lines, for service on
internal routes as well as on
regular international services
from Istanbul and Ankara to
Beirut, Cairo and Athens. So
far 65 Herons have been de-
livered to operators in 16
countries overseas.

Orders for the twin-engined
Hunting Percival Pembroke
general purpose aircraft con-
tinue to flow. An order for
nearly 100 was announced
earlier this year, being
for two for service with the
Finnish Ministry of Agriculture;
these are to be aero survey
versions and are the first air-
craft of this type to be ordered
for civil use.

Handley Page state that since
the first order was placed—by
Queensland Airlines—in Octo-
ber 1954, for their new four-
engined Herald, orders for these
44-seat aircraft, deliveries of
which are scheduled to begin
in 1957, have reached 29.

In the military field recent
export orders or deliveries of
piston-engined types have in-
cluded quantities of Fairley
Firefly target tugs to the Royal
Indian Navy, a second batch of
Boulton Paul Beaufort two-seat
trainers to the Ceylon Air Force,
and some Hunting Federal
Propaganda two-seat basic trainers
to Burma and Iraq. The
Proctors will be armed with two
fixed 0.303" machine guns in the
wings and will have provision
for a variety of rockets and
bombs as well.

Of the larger aircraft in the
military field, the Bristol
Freighter continues to be in
demand as a general purpose
"workhorse" with air forces
overseas. Six overseas air forces
are now operating Freighters,
and that of Pakistan claims to
operate more than any other air
force or civil operator today. It
was the Royal Pakistan Air
Force that a further delivery of
Freighters was made recently.

LABOUR FORCE

The labour force of the
British Aircraft Industry
continues to rise steadily at
a rate of about 2,000 a
month. The official total
stood at 240,000 in January
this year, the latest month
for which figures are avail-
able. This showed an in-
crease of 1,900 on the pre-
vious month, and an in-
crease of 11,700 since
January 1954.

About a seventh of the total
labour force are women.
These figures cover companies
manufacturing airframes, en-
gines, undercarriages and pro-
pellers; they do not include
employment in other companies
making parts and accessories or
work subcontracted outside the
main companies. Therefore,
while they cover the main bulk
of the industry and are a fair
index of trends they do not re-
veal the total manpower en-
gaged in aircraft manufacture
and parts.

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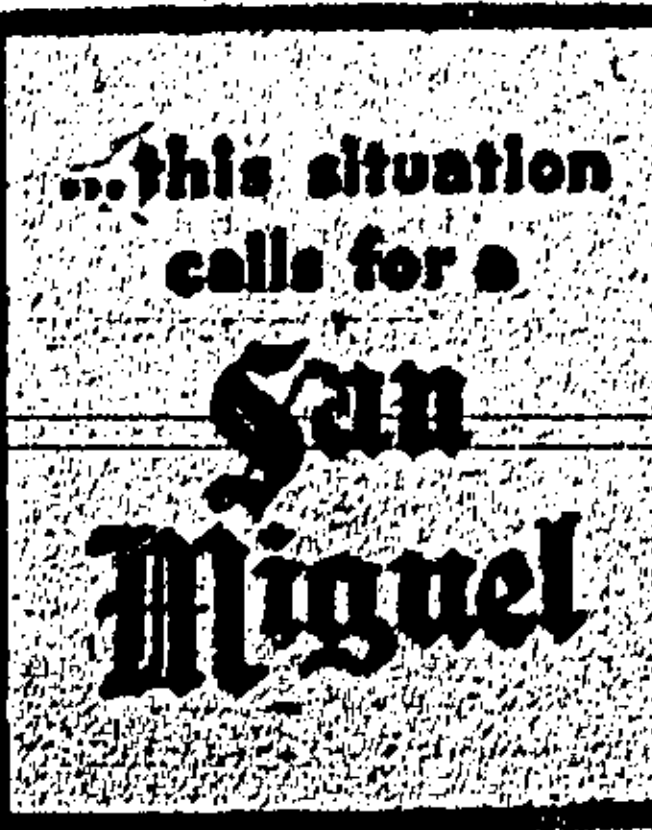
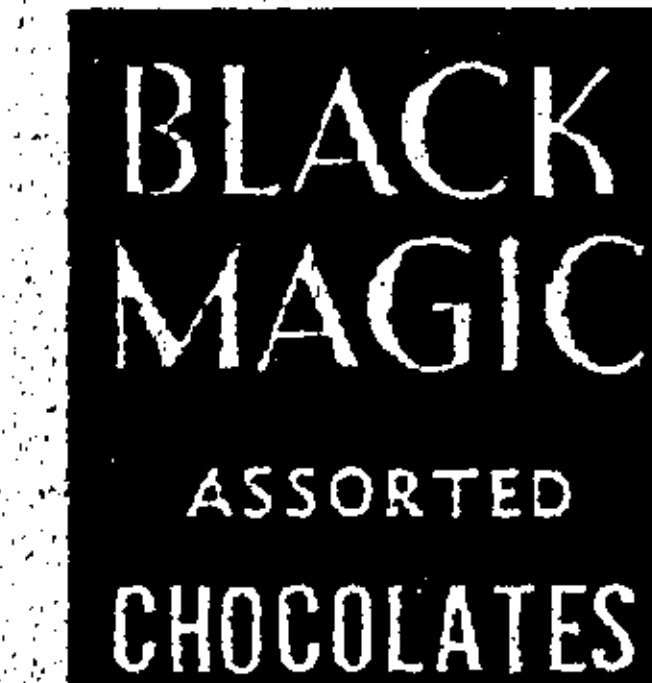
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Budget For A Rainy Day

BUDGET day came once a week for Richard and his wife, as it does for many families.

He was a welder, and each Friday night brought home \$8 in his wage-pocket. Not a great sum to provide for the family of four, two of whom were schoolgirls, but more than some men earn.

Carefully, Richard, and his wife apportioned their money. It worked out as a rule that she had \$5 10s for housekeeping, while he, out of the balance, paid for such items as the electric light, the gas and the coal.

THERE was not much to spare, but out of what there was, the couple managed to accumulate small savings, which they guarded jealously, to keep safe for emergencies, as shelter for a rainy day.

Sometimes, especially in spring, Richard's wife fretted at the thought of the money being kept aside for a rainy day.

In springtime advertisements, shop window displays, fashion writers combined to tempt and tempt her to raid the fund and buy a token something new to wear.

"Couldn't I buy just..." she would beg of her husband, who was custodian of the savings. And almost always he shook his head.

It gave him no pleasure to deny his wife, but prudence was ingrained in him—perhaps his upbringing in Malta had something to do with it—and he was firm in his resistance to her pleas.

The other morning, on his day off work, Richard came to the West End to buy a cheap attaché-case that was needed in his home.

He went into a store, and on his way to the luggage department passed a counter where they loaded with ringtones and thrust.

His wife had been at him that morning, complaining again about the poor state of her wardrobe.

Passing the loaded counter, her words came back to him. He reached out, grabbed a handful of stockings and thrust them under his coat. A store detective saw him. Richard was arrested.

AT Marlborough Street next morning Richard pleaded guilty to stealing four pairs of nylon, valued at \$45, and stood in the dock with his head bowed in shame while the story was told to Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the magistrate.

"This man has a good character," said the officer in charge of the case, "and when he was arrested he said, 'I must have been mad to do this.'"

"Well, he certainly seems very ashamed now," the magistrate observed, glancing at Richard.

"He is very ashamed of himself," the officer agreed.

"Did he tell you why he did this?"

"To use his own words, his wife was nagging him about clothes."

THE magistrate asked Richard what he had to say.

"It's been a terrible blow for me," he said in a low voice. "I never set out from home to do it. It was a moment of temptation."

The magistrate, turned to counsel for the store. "It might have been a sudden impulse in this case, mightn't it?" he asked.

"There was no manoeuvring for concealment?"

"No, none," said counsel.

"I suppose your wife knows about this?" the magistrate asked Richard.

"She doesn't," he said.

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FLOATING DOCK LEAVES HK

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Admiralty Floating Dock has been in use at Hongkong since the beginning of 1946.



MAN IN COURT ON 30 CHARGES

Counsel Disputes Ruling

"If your Worship is not prepared to listen to me I will not appear tomorrow," said Mr F. H. Loseby to Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning after arguing at length on Police right of audience and the Magistrate's statutory duties.

Mr Loseby appeared for Yuen Hin-ming alias Dong Kwong-hin alias Yuen Fong-kwong alias Yuen Chak-lau alias Kelly Deing, 30, unemployed, who was originally charged with theft by a servant and now faces 29 additional charges.

Chief Insp. K. F. Bodie, assisted by Sub-Insp. R. A. Duddiman, preferred the additional charges which comprise one count of conspiracy, contrary to common law, 10 counts of fraudulent conversion of property, eight counts of obtaining property on a forged document and 10 counts of uttering a forged document.

Defendants alleged to have stolen \$29,415.47 from the Sino-British Hongkong Ltd. on July 24, 1952 while working there.

He is alleged to have committed the other 20 offences during 1951-2. All the charges are connected with Messrs Sino-British (Hongkong) Ltd.

Inspector Bodie asked the case to be transferred to the District Court for hearing on May 20 at 2.30 p.m.

ROSE TO OBJECT

Mr Loseby said to object immediately saying that the Police had no right of audience. Addressing Inspector Bodie, he said: "You have no excuse, I warned you yesterday to have Counsel in Court to make the application for transfer."

Inspector Bodie said he had the right of audience and produced a letter to the Court from the Attorney General which he said authorised him to appear on the latter's behalf under section 11 of the District Court Ordinance.

Mr Loseby then said that he objected to the date and wanted

the case to be heard at a later date.

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MR MENON PARRIES QUESTIONS

Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, Chief Indian Delegate to the United Nations, proved his qualities as a diplomat when he arrived at Kai Tak by Air India International this morning.

Ushered into the VIP Room, Mr Menon managed — for full 30 minutes — to evade questions by reporters and correspondents on the purpose of his visit to Peking and the Formosan crisis.

However, when a reporter asked if Mr Menon thought the Chinese Premier was sincere in his statement made at Bandung, in the light of his later statement that China had the right to liberate Taiwan, Mr Menon retorted: "We should not question people's sincerity—I believe that in their own way, desiring peaceful settlement."

NOT A MEDIATOR

Mr Menon said that he was going to Peking to the verbal invitation of Mr Chou En-lai to continue discussion which started at Bandung. He refused to answer questions on the purpose of his visit.

He denied that he was going to Peking to serve in the role of a mediator, nor that his trip was exploratory.

"I'll talk about anything that comes up," said Mr Menon, adding that there were no definite subjects to be approached.

"We will probably start off by talking about the weather in Hongkong, for a start," he declared with a rueful smile at the Captain of the Air India plane which was delayed for two days because of the rain in the Colony.

Mr Menon left by car for Lower where he will remain for Canton. There he will emplane for Peking.

Picture above taken at Kai Tak this morning by a staff photographer shows Mr Menon (right) being greeted on his arrival by Mr V. L. Parambil, official in charge of the Commission of the Government of India, and Mr Victor Marnak.

OFFICIALS HELD

Sixteen Catholic Action officials were being held incommunicado. It was understood they were being questioned at Federal Police headquarters here.

Government investigators were said to be determined to see if there was any political connection between opponents of the Peron government and Roman Catholic demonstrations of the past few days.

Santiago, Chile, Cardinal Copello, Primate of Argentina, headed the annual pilgrimage to Luján yesterday to honour Our Lady of Luján, patron of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. Although three special trains carried 4,000 Roman Catholics and thousands more went by car or bus, there were no incidents.

At Eva Peron, capital of Buenos Aires province, 15 people were arrested during an attempt to march through the streets after a 7.30 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral. A crowd which gathered in the Plaza Moreno tried to force its way through a police cordon to the centre of the city. — United Press

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 6.30 B.C. Bandstand. Central Band of the Royal Air Force. Conductor: Wing Commander A.E. Sims, O.B.E. (B.C.T.S.) 6.35 "First Hearing" presented by Alex. Brown (Studio). 7. Student Guide. 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